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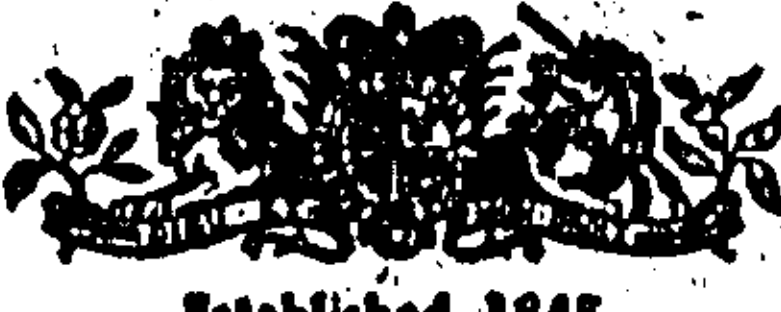
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**HK BREAKING
ALL RECORDS**

THE Colony, like the Australian "Wonder Kids", is breaking all records and a mere glance at the Financial Secretary's draft estimates of revenue and expenditure for 1958/59 will show just how many there are.

Mr. Clarke is also confident that further record marks will be set during the coming fiscal year. The estimated figure for expenditure of \$641½ million is an all-time high and although he has budgeted for a deficit once again—\$87½ million—he does not contemplate that it will be realised.

Last year the Financial Secretary budgeted for a deficit of \$64.4 million but he visualises at the moment that there will be a surplus of over \$50 million at the final accounting.

Happy Position

AND even if there is a deficit in 1958/59 it could be financed out of the Colony's large reserves. This is indeed a very happy position and other colonies will look towards Hongkong with envy while we take pride in the achievement.

Comfort, too, can be taken from the fact that this record-setting expenditure can be contemplated without the Government having to seek additional revenue by increasing taxation. In fact, Mr. Clarke is of the opinion that he can reduce the business registration fee.

Huge Outlay

THE public might have been justified in seeking some form of tax relief, but we are committed to a huge outlay of capital expenditure on projects which are vital to the community as a whole. These include education, health, resettlement and public services and it is necessary to follow the carefully laid plans of our former Governor.

The Financial Secretary dwelt at length on the subject of the water shortage. It had been generally thought a few years ago that the Tai Lam Chung scheme would solve most of the problems. This idea was amended later and prospecting for a new site for storage began on Lantau.

Gloomy Picture

NOW Mr. Clarke paints a very gloomy picture as even if Shek Pik is suitable demand will be still greater than supply and there is little likelihood that it will ever meet, with the result that, apart from personal inconvenience, industry will be retarded.

Unfortunately money will not provide the answer. New schemes can be financed out of the reserves. It is a question of storage sites and according to the former Director of Public Works they do not exist on a scale to meet requirements, but the Government can be relied upon to do its best to relieve the position.

US REJECTS RUSSIAN PROPOSAL

**Wants Problems
Of 1955 Summit
Meet Discussed**

Washington, Mar. 6.

The United States today rejected the procedure proposed by the Soviet Union for convening a Foreign Ministers' conference.

A Foreign Ministers' meeting which was convened in the manner proposed by Soviet Foreign Minister, Andre Gromyko, would not succeed in reducing international tension, the United States said.

The American reply, issued in the form of a memorandum delivered to the Soviet Embassy today, did not insist on a Foreign Ministers' conference as a prelude to summit talks.

The United States suggested the use of normal diplomatic channels as supplementary to, or as an alternative to a Foreign Ministers' meeting.

Insists

The United States insisted that a new summit conference must take into account the results achieved at the summit talks in Geneva in 1955.

That conference had dealt primarily with Germany and European security, disarmament and extension of East-West contacts.

In this connection, the US reply said the Soviet memorandum of February 29 rejected discussion of German reunification in a new summit conference.

The United States could not accept the exercise of a veto right in the summit talks, the note said.

The United States said a new summit conference should concentrate more effectively on the essential problems than was the case at the previous summit talks.

All Means

It is not necessary for all East-West problems to be taken up on bloc, the US note said.

The American note said the United States was pleased that the Soviet Union had expressed its intention to use all necessary means, including a Foreign Ministers' conference, in order to reach agreement on holding talks at the summit.

Nevertheless, the US reply said the preparation for a summit conference envisaged by the Soviet Government does not meet the conditions required to ensure that the summit talks really help to reduce international tension.

The United States said the summit agenda should not necessarily be limited to matters the solution of which now seems assured.

At the same time, the US memorandum noted that a possibility of agreement "as to the manner of holding talks" proposed by either side did not emerge from the ample correspondence thus far exchanged between Soviet Premier, Nikolai Bulganin, and American President, Eisenhower.

The US believes a new summit conference should not ignore the 1955 summit conference

**US CREDIT
CONDITIONS
RELAXED**

Washington, Mar. 6. The Federal Reserve Board today authorized three of its banks to lower their discount rates one-half per cent to 2½ per cent tomorrow in another step "to make credit conditions still more favourable to recovery."

It was the third reduction since November in the interest rate Federal Reserve banks charged their member banks.

A Federal Reserve spokesman said the action was designed to bring the discount rate "into alignment with market rates and make credit conditions still more favourable to recovery."

The new reduction will be made at the New York, Philadelphia, and Chicago Federal Reserve banks. The Federal Reserve discount rate has been at 3½ per cent since last January.

The San Francisco Federal Reserve Bank still is using the 3 per cent discount rate. The reduction by the three banks is expected to be followed by similar cuts in the other Federal Reserve banks. — United Press.

**Labour Manifesto
Calls For
Summit Talks**

By JOSEPH W. GRIGG

London, Mar. 6.

Britain's Labour Opposition and trade unions piled pressure on the Government tonight for summit talks with Russia and urged that Britain should give an "example" by suspending H-bomb tests immediately.

They did so in a joint manifesto released soon after Prime Minister Harold Macmillan told Parliament he also wants a summit meeting, but only "in circumstances likely to lead to at least partial success."

But Macmillan rejected any one-sided action on the H-bomb with the argument that it would be "bad diplomacy and bad psychology."

The joint disarmament manifesto of the Labour Party and Trades Union Congress was published following a meeting of leaders of both organisations to define their official stand on these issues.

In a seven-point programme they called for:
★ A "serious effort" by the British Government to bring about summit talks in the near future.
★ Immediate suspension of thermo-nuclear tests by

Britain for a limited period as an "example to the world."
★ Action by the British Government to obtain a general agreement to end all nuclear and thermo-nuclear tests, distinct from any wider disarmament agreement.

Disarmament

★ Agreement "within a reasonable period" leading to real progress on the basic problem of disarmament.

★ A declaration banning use of all nuclear weapons as part of a general disarmament agreement.

★ Immediately halting all nuclear tests by planes from British bases carrying H-bombs.

★ Delay in setting up American rocket bases in Britain until after a summit conference.

The Labour Party and Trade Union leaders put out the programme in an obvious effort to quell growing left-wing demands in this country for unilateral renunciation of the H-bomb by Britain. — United Press.

Fire Victims

Karachi, Mar. 6. So far 20 bodies have been found in the debris of the Bori Bazaar market in Karachi, swept by fire last night. Many more people are reported missing and it was feared here that the death toll would be higher. Rescue and search operations are continuing. — France-Press.

Successful

Littleton, Col., Mar. 6. The Martin Company said it successfully completed the first in a series of test firings of its Titan intercontinental ballistic missile's Aero-jet engine. — United Press.

**Sandys
May Visit
Moscow**

London, Mar. 6. Mr. Duncan Sandys, British Defence Minister, has accepted "in principle" a Russian invitation to visit Moscow, but no date has been fixed, the British news agency, the Press Association, said tonight. The Daily Herald political correspondent, Hugh Fletcher, said in Friday's paper: "I can disclose one of the Government's most closely guarded secrets: the Defence Minister is to visit Moscow in May."

COVER UP

"That fact lies behind all the current mystification about summit talks, and the strained relations with America which ministers have been doing their best to cover up." The Daily Herald went on: "It is a direct pointer to the probability that Britain, guided by Mr. Macmillan, is likely to 'go it alone' in summit talks in spite of the objections announced by Mr. Dulles, US Secretary of State. 'Now it has been arranged'—with Mr. Malin, Soviet Ambassador in London as intermediary—that Mr. Sandys shall go to Russia to discuss a basis on which Anglo-Russian talks can take place."

THE AGENDA

"On the agenda of Mr. Sandys' meetings in the Kremlin will be:

★ Frank exchanges about the prospects for disarmament, both nuclear and conventional;

★ A renewed possibility of bargaining over establishment of rocket sites in this country;

★ The long-term future of Germany.

"One reason why no announcement has yet been made is that the Russians are currently more anxious for such exploratory talks than is the West." — Reuter.

**UK & FRANCE TO URGE U.S. TO
SOFTEN APPROACH**

By ARNOLD DIBBLE

Manila, Mar. 7.

Britain and France will urge the United States to soften its approach to the proposed summit conference with Russia in meetings here next week, it was learned today.

**Discipline In
British
Army To
Be Reviewed**

London, Mar. 6. Discipline in the British Army is to be reviewed by a committee of serving Army officers with recent regimental experience, the Secretary of War, Mr. Christopher Soames, said today.

He told the House of Commons the committee would review the Army's methods of discipline, management and instruction "from the point of view of their effect on the soldier as an individual. This was being done because the Army was moving towards an all-regular force. (Conscription is to end in 1962.)"

"Wherever departures from existing practice, however longstanding it might be, are shown to be desirable, it will be put into effect, he added.

WITHDRAWAL

Chairman of the committee is General Sir Lyster Whistler. He retired at the beginning of last year after 40 years in the Army, the last three as General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Western Command.

In 1955 he ordered the withdrawal of walking-out passes for servicemen found wearing Edwardian, or "teddy-boy," clothing. Mr. Soames also said troops of different types of uniforms to replace the present battle-dress would be made in certain chosen units.

The Commons were discussing Army finances for the coming year. — China Mail Special.

The big three Foreign Ministers arrive here this weekend to meet privately for the first time since Soviet Russia agreed to come of the West's preliminary conditions for a summit meeting.

US Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, Britain's Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd and French Foreign Minister Christian Pineau are flying in to attend the fourth annual conference of ministers in the South-East Asia Treaty Organisation (Seato).

But in "after hours" meetings the big three ministers will try to get together on an early summit conference, the United Press learned.

It was reported that Pineau regarded this weekend's meeting so important an opportunity to discuss the summit talks that he refused to come unless it was agreed that an attempt would be made here to hammer out a common big three approach.

With the North Africa issue still boiling, Pineau seriously

**ITALIAN
DEPUTIES
SCUFFLE**

Rome, Mar. 6. Roman Catholic and Communist deputies scuffled on the floor of the Chamber of Deputies tonight over Red charges of church interference in the forthcoming general elections.

First-shading, deputies, flamed by the controversial conviction of the Roman Catholic Bishop of Prato by an Italian Court on defamation charges, yelled insults and tried to hit each other across a cordon of peace-making Chamber clerks. It was a quarter of an hour before Chamber President Giovanni Leone could restore order, allowing a Cabinet Minister to resume an interrupted speech.

The outburst was the first incident in Parliament since the bishop's conviction last Saturday sparked the worst state-church crisis in Italy in 30 years. — United Press.

Defence Vote

London, Mar. 6. The House of Lords tonight rejected Labour Opposition objections to Britain's defence policy by a vote of 94 to 23. The Lords' debate followed an earlier debate in the House of Commons.

The defeat of the Opposition was followed by a motion expressing confidence in Government policy. — United Press.



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- ★ MASTER SPY—by Leonard Mosley;
- ★ FROM RAGS TO RICHES—by John Cottrell;
- ★ REVOLUTION IN ST JAMES—by Ivan Yates;
- ★ BUSINESS OF WAR—by Major-General Sir John Kennedy; COMMENTARY—by Frank Owen;

And all your favourite cartoons, features, strips, and puzzles in 20 pages packed for your weekend reading.

**BOYCOTT
ORDERED**

Nicosia, Mar. 6. New leaflets were circulated by the Cypriot Eoka (terrorist) group today, containing the first detailed order for passive resistance against Britain, beginning with a boycott of British imports to Cyprus.

The leaflets, signed by Eoka leader, Grivas, ordered Cypriots to boycott British whisky, beer, confectionery and shoes. Last year the island imported £1,000,000 worth of these commodities from Britain.

The leaflet said: "Just like we won the armed struggle, we shall win passive resistance." — France-Press.

**Submarines
To Explore
Arctic Basin**

Washington, Mar. 6. Three United States submarines, two of them nuclear-powered, will explore the Arctic basin this summer, the Navy announced here today.

The atom-submarine Nautilus, which penetrated under the North Polar ice-cap to within 100 miles of the North Pole last summer, will be accompanied this summer by the nuclear submarine Skate and the conventionally-powered submarine Halfback.

Last year, the Nautilus remained for 5½ days under the ice-cap and conducted soundings during its under-ice cruise from the North Atlantic into the Arctic Ocean.

Navy officials have stated they would like to see a submarine cross the Arctic Ocean from end to end, though most of the voyage would be beneath ice. — Reuter.

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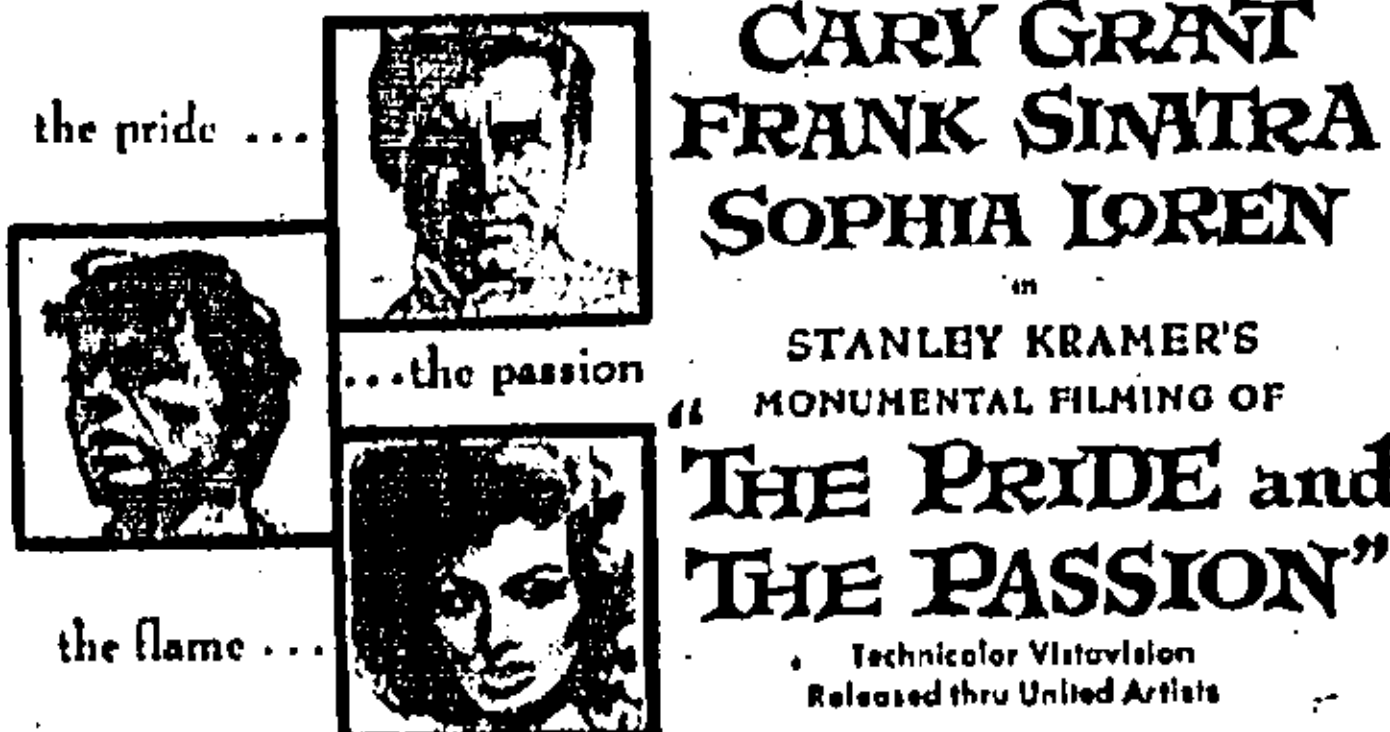
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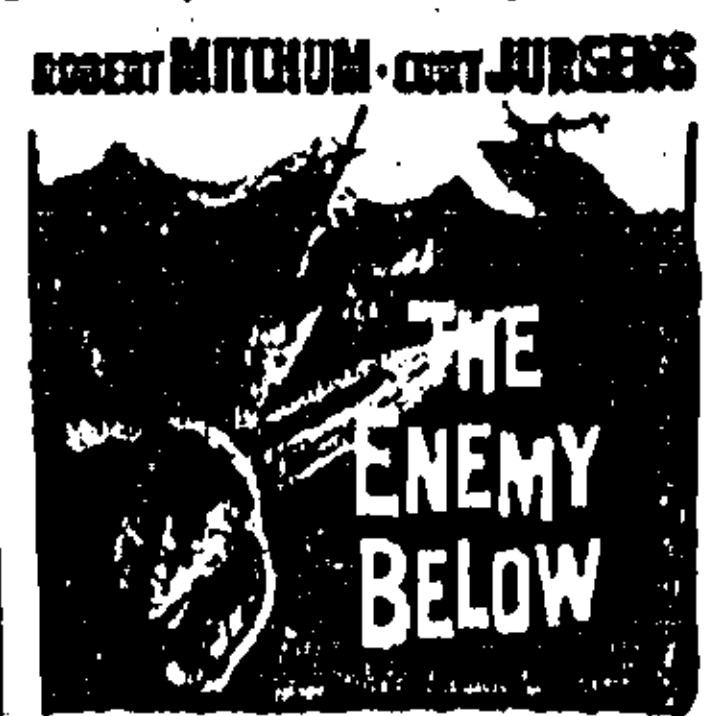
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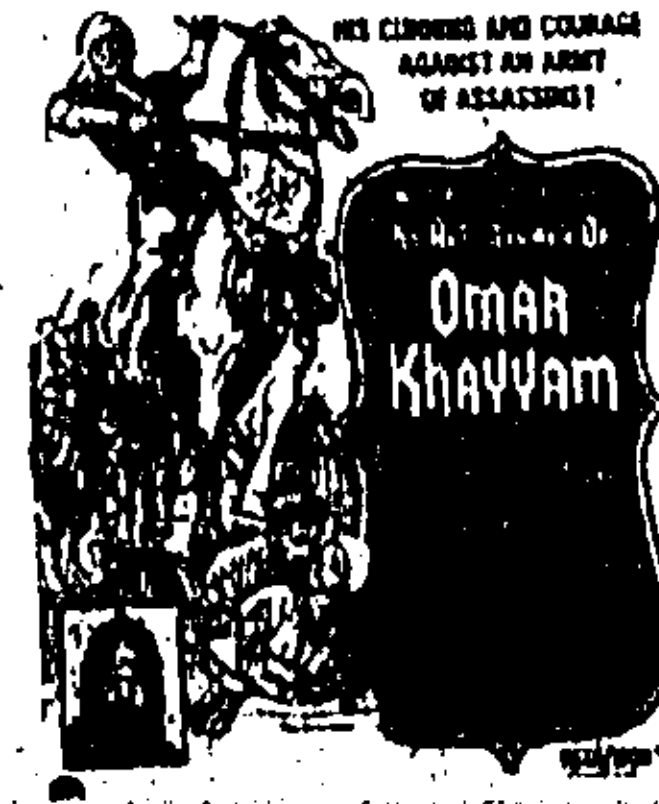
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TO-MORROW
CLARK GABLE in
"BAND OF ANGELS"
In WarnerColor

EXPLORER II BURNED UP**Driver Sagan Buys TWO****This Time**

Modena, Mar. 6.
FRENCH novelist,
Francoise Sagan,
today bought two Fer-
rari racing cars after
trying them out on the
Modena race track.

Miss Sagan, author
of the sexy best seller
"Bonjour Tristesse",
and the ballet "Ren-
dezvous Manque," ar-
rived in Milan today
with her brother
Jacques Quirez.



Francoise

After trying out herself two of Ferrari's latest
models—a 2,000 and a 3,000 c.c.—she was so ex-
cited by the power and performance of the two cars
that she bought them on the spot.—France-Presse.

Cuban Rebels Battle Fiercely With Backs To Mountains

Havana, Mar. 6.

A strong rebel force was reported tonight to be
fighting with its back against the slope of the
Sierra Maestra Mountains to avoid being
trapped by government forces, after success-
ful lightning attacks on at least three govern-
ment positions in Oriente Province.

Dispatches from at least
three cities in that province—
Santiago, Bayamo and Man-
zanillo—agreed that the rebels
were fighting fiercely to get
back to their mountain-top
hideouts after surprise raids
against rural guard outposts.

Their escape was blocked by
constant Army pressure backed
by heavy air support. There
were no definite casualty re-
ports so far, but it was known
that at least seven had been
killed and more than a score
wounded in actions fought
during the past 24 hours.

Frontal Attack

At least 100 followers of the
rebel leader, Fidel Castro,
took part in the day's principal
action—a frontal attack on a
rural guard outpost near the
Estrada Palma sugar mill out-
side Manzanillo.

Late dispatches indicated that
first reports that the rebels had
overwhelmed the garrison there
were inaccurate—they said the
garrison force had resisted the
surprise pre-dawn attack.

It was reported, however,
that one Army reinforcement
patrol, accompanied by assault
cars, was ambushed and "de-
mated" by the rebels.

In Manzanillo, the Army took
over the local hospital and
barred access to the general
public after bringing its casu-
alties there.

The reports said the rebels
timed their attack on Estrada
Palma with an assault on the
Army guard post at Vega, be-
tween Bayamo and Yara,
which they crushed.

Abandoned

Army reinforcements were
rushed to Estrada Palma from
Bayamo at first news of the
rebel attack. Bayamo, which is
patrolled normally by two
Army jeep per block, was
described as an "abandoned
city" as its garrison troops
rushed to aid their beleaguered
Estrada Palma comrades.

Reports from the Vega
area said rebels "picked up"
armed youths who were waiting
in the vicinity to join the rebel
ranks.

Just before daybreak, Army
fighters and medium bombers
began taking off from an
improvised airfield north of
Bayamo, to give air support to
the ground counter-attack.

It was reported that the air
force located the principal
rebel stronghold in a mountain
peak named Cerro Pelado
(Bald Hill) which was strafed
by the fighters and bombed by
B-26 medium bombers.—United
Press.

Can't Afford It

Karachi, Mar. 6.
Malik Feroz Khan Noon, the
Pakistan Prime Minister, told
the National Assembly here
today that neither he nor any
other member of the Bagdad
Pact had asked for atomic
weapons in an open or secret
session of the Bagdad Pact.
Speaking in a foreign affairs
debate he said: "We do not want
to enter a field which we can-
not afford."—Reuters.

—OFFICIAL

**Last Stage Failed
To Ignite,
Scientists Decide**

Cape Canaveral, Mar. 6.

The second Explorer satellite failed to
orbit and probably burned up 1,900
miles from its launching point because
the fourth stage of its Jupiter-C rocket
did not ignite, it was announced late
today.

Failure of the Explorer II was confirmed as the
Navy's long-delayed Vanguard launcher
moved on stage here for the next satellite at-
tempt, expected by the end of the week. There
was a bustle of activity tonight around the
Navy's service tower on Cape Canaveral.

A statement released by the Air Force Missile Test
Centre here and the Jet Propulsion Labora-
tory in Pasadena, California, told of the Ex-
plorer II's fate.

"Yesterday's firing of the
second Jupiter-C satellite
vehicle did not place the In-
ternational Geophysical Year
satellite in orbit, the statement
said.

It was signed by Maj.-Gen.
John B. Medaris, head of the
Army Ballistic Missile Agency;
Dr. William Pickering, head of
the Jet Propulsion Lab; and Dr.
Jack E. Froelich, Deputy Chief
of JPL.

"All available data collected
at the time of firing has been
given a complete preliminary
examination and all other possi-
bilities have been ruled out," the
Army said.

"It is now certain that orbit
was not achieved, due to the
fact that the last stage of the
vehicle (the Jupiter-C) did
not ignite.

The scientists said reason for
the failure of the automatic
ignition system to touch off the
last solid fuel stage of the big
launching vehicle "is not known,
and will probably be very dif-
ficult to determine." But the
statement said all the other
three stages "functioned per-
fectly."

"Lacking additional velocity,
which would have been contrib-
uted by the last stage, the
satellite behaved like an ordi-
nary surface-to-surface missile,
and since it was not protected
against re-entry heat conditions,
probably burned up upon re-
entering the atmosphere at a
range of approximately 1,900
miles."—United Press.

Allegation Of Copying

Rome, Mar. 6.

At a meeting of the National
Committee for the co-ordination
of pottery problems here, com-
plaints were raised of alleged
acts of design copying by Japa-
nese manufacturers to the detri-
ment of Italian artistic pottery.

The committee examined the
possibilities of applying remedies
to end the repetition of this
copying.

The complaint was one of the
problems discussed at the meet-
ing which was called to discuss
the problems arising out of the
coming into being of the
European Common Market.—
Reuters.

Work Begins On New Satellite

Washington, Mar. 6.

The Army disclosed tonight that it had begun to
assemble a new satellite to be called Explorer
III. It did not say when a launching attempt
would be made.

Elsewhere it was learned
that Explorer III would be the
first of five new satellites the
Army plans to try to put in an
orbit around the earth.

Explorer III will carry out
International Geophysical Year
experiments. Whether the four
additional Army satellites will
do scientific or military work
was not disclosed.

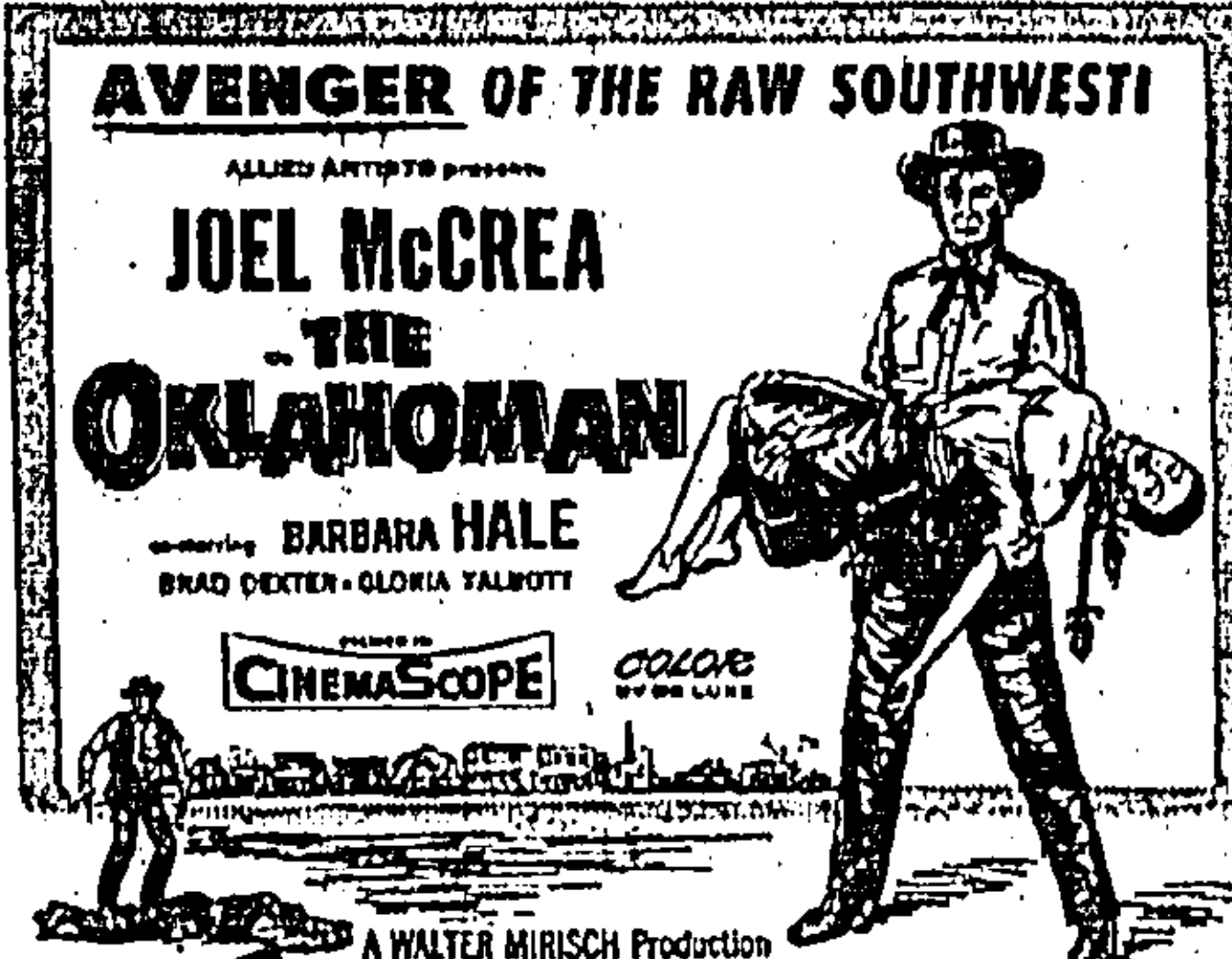
Maj.-General Harry Storke,
Army Chief of Information,
revealed that the new satellite
was being built during a news
conference at which he gave
additional details on the failure
of Explorer II yesterday.

He did not discuss the four
additional satellites, on which
details were obtained from
other sources.—United Press.

Washington, Mar. 6.
President Eisenhower today
nominated James S. Moose Jr.,
to be Ambassador to the Sudan.
Moose is a career diplomat who
has been serving as Ambassador
to Syria.—United Press.

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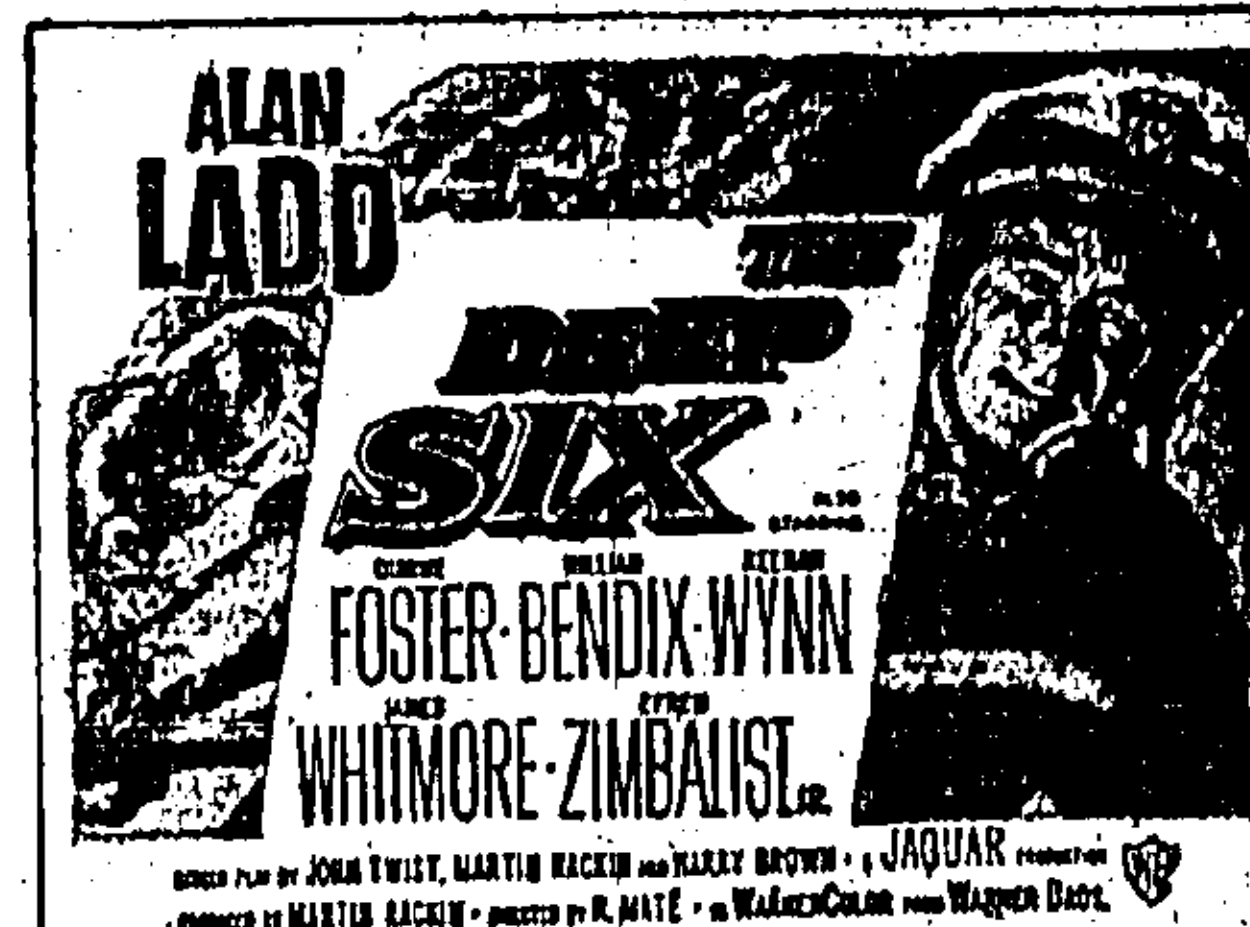
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An emergency.



CABLE BRIEFS

London, Mar. 6. London's biggest cable crane, another smaller crane, five operators and two electricians yesterday removed Mrs. Raymond Morgan's old kitchen stove and installed a new one in her third floor apartment. Her husband, an engineer, explained he called on the derelict people to handle the stove job because "The stairs are narrow and I didn't want the paint scratched."—United Press.

Tottori, Mar. 6. Plagued by sparrows which defiled all attempts to capture them, Japanese farmers here scattered alcohol-soaked grain, watched the pests gobble it down, and then leisurely picked up the high-as-a-kite birds, too drunk to fly.—United Press.

Muskegon, Mar. 6. James H. Kilbane slipped for action to settle a traffic dispute, much to his regret. Kilbane told police he took off his jacket and tossed it into the trunk of a car that had bumped his parked car. But before any battle started the other motorist drove off—jacket and all.—United Press.

Krefeld, Mar. 6. Hats made by a German firm here look their funniest at night. The headgear has phosphorescent bands designed to reflect automobile lights.—United Press.

Indianapolis, Mar. 6. James Ingram summoned police when he found a thief had jacked up his car in front of his house and stolen the two front tyres, wheels and hubcaps. Ingram is an F.B.I. agent.—United Press.

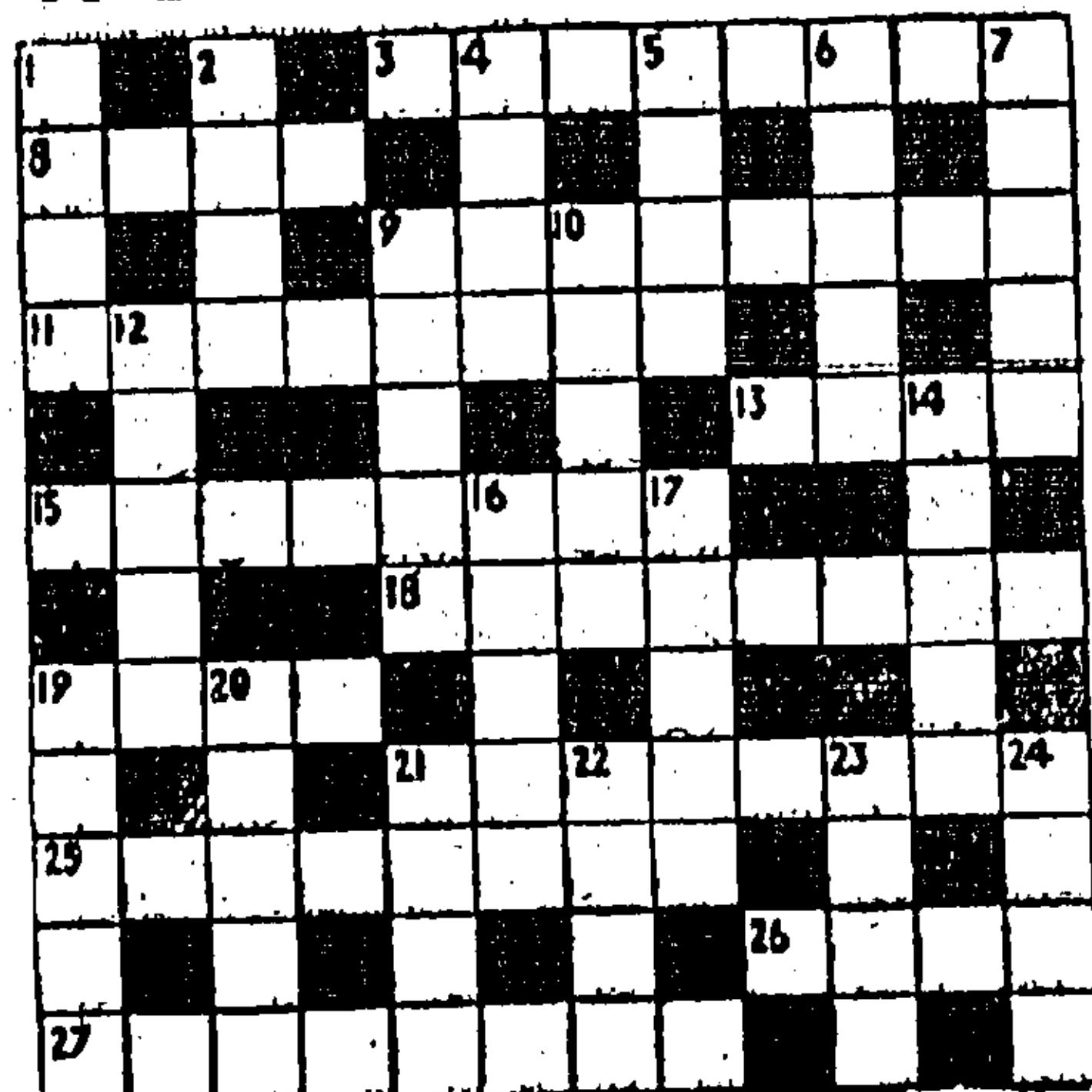
Grand Rapids, Mar. 6. Kent County Sheriff Arnold Plorsh has rejected the request of a group of girls who wanted to hold a slumber party in the new jail before it opened. "They wanted to be locked up for one night," the sheriff said, "but there'll be enough slumber parties there in future years."—United Press.

Chicago, Mar. 6. Chicago aldermen are complaining that the press box in their new Council Chamber makes them feel a bit uncomfortable. It looks, several said, too much like a jury box.—United Press.

Tokyo, Mar. 6. One of the biggest complaints of foreigners here is the Japanese bureaucracy. But government office is going out of its way to make things easier for foreigners—the Income Tax Bureau is sending out its forms in English.—United Press.

Monroe, Mar. 6. A non-winner in a quick-draw shoot-from-the-hip contest here was a police sergeant named Lathes Dore.—United Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 3 Weather prediction? (8).
- 8 American female? (4).
- 9 Transport time-table? (8).
- 11 An age? (8).
- 13 Plants complete collections? (8).
- 15 Rule out of order? (8).
- 16 Of some education? (8).
- 18 This rock grows? (4).
- 21 Tending to sleep? (8).
- 23 Valued? (8).
- 25 Before long we see a bashful author? (4).
- 27 On the other side? (8).

DOWN

- 1 A lair in port? (4).
- 2 Indication of bad luck? (4).
- 4 Not repeated? (4).
- 6 One less than seven is? (4).
- 7 Poet's favourite blue? (8).
- 9 Cheese working? (8).
- 10 Though only a slave, he gets the lot? (8).
- 12 Whiskey? (8).
- 14 Peasantry? (8).
- 16 Leo and Co? (8).
- 17 Countryside in Kent, maybe? (8).
- 19 Old military headwear? (8).
- 20 His tales were fabulous? (8).
- 22 Oxford's river? (4).
- 24 Day of wonder? (4).
- 26 Great dog? (4).

THURSDAY'S SOLUTION—Across: 1 Number, 4 Puffs, 7 Multitude, 8 Fido, 9 Street, 11 Cigarette, 13 Archer, 15 Nahas, 16 Actor, 18 Reminiscence, 21 Shind, 23 Memory, Down: 1 Babel, 2 Babel, 3 Soap-lace, 4 Plover, 5 Full time, 6 Strong, 10 Bird-fitter, 12 Uranium, 13 Arab-is, 14 Thread, 16 Thorns, 17 Bready.

"THEY ARE LIARS AND SWINDLERS!"

Challenge Flung At Soekarno

Sabrina Tangles With A Leopard



THIS is the story of Chico, a leopard with a liking for blondes, especially blondes like Sabrina. However, Chico showed his taste in too hearty a way—not only did he bow her over with affection, but tried to take a bite out of a shapely calf to boot. It happened at London Airport recently when Sabrina was leaving for America. Chico, a gift from a friend, eventually said his farewells from a distance.—Reuterphoto.

FARMERS FOR CHINA

Paris, Mar. 6. The South China Agricultural College will enrol 200 cooperative farmers this year in accordance with a directive of the Kwangtung Provincial Committee of the Communist Party, the New China news agency reported tonight.

These students will be selected by the Agricultural Co-operatives. The requirements are a middle school education and three years work on the farms. The period of training is temporarily fixed at five and a half years, including a period of higher middle school training, the agency said.—France-Press.

Rebels Pledge A Battle To The End

Singapore, Mar. 6. The Premier of the rebel Indonesian Government, Dr Sjafruddin Prawiranegara, in a fight-to-the-finish speech tonight, called President Soekarno and his ministers "liars and swindlers" and challenged them to attack the revolutionary government, Padang radio reported.

He said his government was determined to fight the Soekarno government "by all the means at our disposal until victory is achieved".

In a speech made at a mass rally at Batu Sangkar, east-central Sumatra, and broadcast by Padang radio, the Premier of the rebel government accused Indonesian Premier, Djundana, and his Cabinet colleagues of "unashamedly sticking to the government like leeches, and seeking to destroy the country's constitution."

Sjafruddin ridiculed the orders of arrest issued against him and Colonel Achmed Hussein, Central Sumatra commander, by recalling that the Dutch, with far superior forces, had been unable to arrest them in 1948.

Denying reports that families of revolutionary leaders had fled to Singapore, he pointed out his wife, and the wife of Colonel Achmed Hussein, sitting behind him on the platform.

Meanwhile, South Sumatra tonight called on President Soekarno and former Vice President Mohammad Hatta to use all their "energy, prestige and wisdom" to avoid violence.

Radio Palembang, the voice of the "uncommitted" area, broadcast an appeal to the two leaders on the eve of their third meeting since the current crisis began with the proclamation of a revolutionary government in Central Sumatra.

The radio broadcast said that civil, political and military leaders of South Sumatra had drafted the appeal during a three-and-one-half-hour meeting.

"The population of South Sumatra and Djambi," the broadcast said, "motivated by a sincere feeling of love of the state and the nation, call on Bung (brother) Soekarno and Bung Hatta to use all their energy, prestige and wisdom to settle the current internal conflict and try to avoid violence so long as the door is still open to a peaceful solution."

The appeal was read by A. K. Ghani, Chairman of South Sumatra's Nationalist Party.—United Press and France-Press.

PLAN TO WIPE OUT CHINA'S ILLITERACY

Paris, Mar. 6. A proposal to wipe out illiteracy in China in five years was made by representatives from 18 provinces and cities at the closing session of a one-week conference here today, the New China news agency reported.

Representing counties and districts, factories, mines, agricultural and handicraft co-operatives and cities which have already wiped out illiteracy, they said that in some places this goal could be achieved in two to three years.

The conference, called by the Ministry of Education, the Young Communist League, the All-China Federation of Trade Unions and Women's Federation, was to pool experience for a nationwide drive to end illiteracy.—France-Press.

Headache
Do not wait patiently for your suffering to end. Take 2 tablets of CASPIN dissolved in half a glass of water, and headache will soon vanish.

CASPIN

Victim Of Frame-Up? Colleagues To Appeal

Singapore, Mar. 6. The Senior Officers Association of the Singapore City Council is considering taking legal advice on the dismissal of Mr George Skelt, commercial secretary of the Council's electricity department.

Mr Skelt was dismissed after allegations that he had embezzled a Chinese girl typist in his office.

Yesterday, in the London Daily Mail, Mr Skelt alleged that he was the victim of a "frame-up" by the "anti-white People's Action Party" (the Party which dominates the Council).

Neither the Mayor, Mr Ong Eng-guan, a People's Action Party executive, nor the Party chairman, Doctor Toh Chin-chye, would comment today on Mr Skelt's allegation.

The Senior Officers Association met tonight to discuss the dismissal.

After the meeting a spokesman of the Association said that consideration was being given to taking legal advice to ascertain whether civil action could be taken against the Council.

He said formal notice of appeal against the dismissal had been lodged with the Council.

The Association considered that in the charge against Mr Skelt, whether he was guilty or not guilty, the penalty was too severe.—Reuter.

Friendly Feeling

Washington, Mar. 6. Henry Cabot Lodge, United States Ambassador to the United Nations, said today that he found the people of Iran and Pakistan ready to "stand by us through thick and thin."

They have "friendly feelings towards us," he told reporters after reporting to President Eisenhower on his 30-day trip to that part of the world.—United Press.

Royal Visit

Tokyo, Mar. 6. Prime Minister Prince Suwayama Fumiko of Laos arrived in Tokyo today for a three-day state visit at the invitation of the Japanese government.—United Press.

The US Is 'Deeply Involved' In Cairo Conspiracy

— Witness

Cairo, Mar. 6. A star State witness at the current Royalist conspiracy trial charged today that the US was deeply implicated in plots to overthrow the Egyptian and Syrian regimes. Issam Khalil, Egyptian intelligence officer, giving evidence for the second consecutive day, told the Court:

• Arrangements were made for Royalists involved in the Egyptian conspiracy to obtain sanctuary in the US Embassy in Cairo if the plot miscarried.

• The Saudi-Arabian plot to overthrow the Syrian regime, which President Nasser revealed yesterday, was arranged "with American co-operation."

Yesterday the same witness claimed in evidence that if the alleged plot to overthrow the Nasser government in Egypt and restore the government failed, the US Sixth Fleet was to help the conspirators escape from Alexandria.

Khalil said that, in addition to the US, British intelligence was also involved in the Egyptian Royalist plot.

"The British intelligence paid at least £10,000 towards the cost of organising the conspiracy," he said.

The Royalist plot, for which five defendants are being tried in absentia, was linked with the Syrian plot announced by President Nasser yesterday as the result of a direct question by the State Prosecutor, Ahmed Moustafa.

The prosecutor asked witnesses whether he considered there was any direct connection between the two plots. He justified the question on the grounds that Egypt and Syria were now merged in the United Arab Republic.

Khalil charged that the two plots were in fact closely linked and both were financed by King Saud.

"King Saud earmarked a special fund for the purpose of overthrowing the Egyptian and Syrian regimes," Khalil told the Court.—United Press.

A Blockade?

Singapore, Mar. 7. The Straits Times said today the Indonesian Navy, now had heavy patrols in the waters facing Bengalis, a fishing port on the east coast of Central Sumatra, which the Times says is the rebel gateway to the outside world.—Reuter.

Killed Two While Drunk, Court Told

Glasgow, Mar. 6. A man was found guilty today of killing a father and his infant daughter by wrenching gas meter off a wall and letting the gas escape while breaking into a house.

William Finnigan, 23, was sent to prison for five years.

He was also found guilty of stealing a motor car and the gas meter containing seven shillings and 11 pence.

Defending counsel for Finnigan said the offence was undoubtedly done by a man who was drunk.

He added: "Nobody in full possession of his sober senses would pull out a gas meter and carry it away, along with a large pile."—China Mail Special.

THE FIRST JET-BOAT

Moscow, Mar. 6. Soviet scientists and engineers have constructed the first water-driven jet boat, the Tass news agency stated today.

Water is taken in through a hole at the bow of the boat and is expelled under high pressure through underwater tubes at the stern. Only two men are required for the operation of the boat.

The boat is intended for conveying floating timber, and has the additional advantage of a very shallow draught.—France-Press.

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ON SALE AT LEADING STORES

Ghana News Agency

Accra, Mar. 6. The Prime Minister of Ghana, Dr Kwame Nkrumah, today opened new headquarters here for the Ghana News Agency as part of nationwide celebrations for the first anniversary of this country's independence.—Reuter.

"Too Busy"

Padang, Mar. 6. Daludin Simbolon, Foreign Minister of the Indonesian Revolutionary Government, said today that he was "too busy" to go to Manila as its observer at the Santo conference.

"I'm even too busy to leave Sumatra for the time being," Simbolon said.—United Press.



LOGAN GOORLAY—now in India

CHAPTER 4 OF HIS WORLD TOUR

Bootleggers, lush life, and an eerie touch

New Delhi.

A HOT, sticky night in Bombay. The taxi was driving me away from the centre of the city where the homeless sleep on hard, springless pavements, up to Milabar Hill, where the rich live in air-cooled, silk-draped mansions.

The taxi-driver told me that behind the high gloomy wall on the left were the Towers of Silence where the followers of the Parsee Religion perform their funeral rites.

"When a Parsee dies," said my Hindu driver, "his body is put up on the tower and birds swoop down to eat the flesh. Sometimes a finger drops. . . . I cut him off before he could offer any more ghastly details. I was going to dinner in a Hindu not a Parsi home. But I had been told to expect a full traditional Indian dinner with all the trimmings.

My host was one of India's most powerful and richest industrialists. Mr. Ramnivas

Hammarlin Rula. White liveried servants led me up a flight of white marble stairs leading from the front door to the entrance hall and reception rooms of the Rula home.

My host

I waited in the cool spaciousness of one of the reception rooms. Deep cushioned couches ran along each wall. A glass



case displayed a beautiful ivory chess set. The white walls were bare except for two murals of Indian dancers.

Mr. Rula appeared and came across the chequered marble floor to greet me like a chessman advancing over the board. He spoke English with the typical sing-song high-pitched intonation of the Indians, which makes them sound like Welsh choristers.

He apologised about the difficulties of offering me a drink, even in his home. In Bombay strict prohibition applies.

As a foreign visitor I should only have drunk from my own bottle, obtained on an official permit form. I had the permit which cost me five rupees and several hours of form-filling and queuing. But no bottle.

Fortunately Mr. Rula said: "I will apply the spirit, not the letter of the law." If he is prosecuted I am willing to swear before Pandit Nehru that I was drinking amber-coloured water.

Apart from prohibition, Mr. Rula indicated that life in the new independent India was becoming increasingly difficult. Particularly for a rich industrialist.



"I THINK YOU LEAVE IT AS TIP, BOSS . . ."

"My family started in cotton, but I am in chemicals, all kinds of textiles and insurance and banking. But the maximum personal income I am allowed to take after taxation is about £5,000 per year."

His income

I said it must be impossible to run a mansion like his and live in his accustomed style on £5,000 a year. The house has 20 bedrooms and a staff of 40 servants.

Mr. Rula smiled ruefully. "Yes, impossible. The house costs £20,000 a year to run, but, of course, the businesses are family affairs. And so is the house. My two younger brothers are allowed the same income, and so is my old mother."

"Then I have indirect sources of income, dividends, and so on."

I accepted another glass of coloured water, and he led the way into the dining hall. I followed boldly. A large, solid silver salver called a thali was set before me holding more than a dozen Hindu delicacies. Mangoes. Spiced potatoes. Curries.

Small silver dishes surrounding the thali held the chutneys, sweet and sour, and the explosive sauces. All strictly vegetarian, according to Hindu law.

In fingers

I was given a knife and fork. Mr. Rula ate in noisy Hindu fashion with his fingers. The meal was as different from what is served in the Indian restaurants of Soho as cod from caviar.

It was a novel experience for my taste buds. Sometimes they were shocked. Sometimes they were shocked.

Licking his fingers, Mr. Rula restarted his exposition of the rich man's plight in India. "My family has always given 25 per cent of all our profits to charity. Now we have to give much more to the Government. Personally I don't mind, if the money is helping to build the new India. I used to be a whole-hearted supporter of Nehru and his Government. Now I have some criticisms to make."

"I was one of the first to criticise the Finance Minister

who has just been forced to resign."

"But eventually industrialists like me may be practically forced out of existence. I may be the last of the line. My sons will certainly not be able to live like me and maintain this kind of establishment."

Mr. Rula helped himself to a handful of indigestion pills from a bottle brought by a servant. Betel nuts and pan leaves, which are chewed together, were served in silver caskets. A silver spittoon to catch the red betel juice was strategically placed.

Mr. Rula served more coloured water. It was thicker and sweeter, and it tasted like



"WHEN I CAME BACK THE CATS WERE FINISHING THE STEAK."

drumstick. He also insisted that I tried the betel nut before I left. That did it.

He was a charming, courteous host and I might have felt a pang of sympathy for him, as one of the last of the big Bombay millionaires.

Or even for the deformed pitiful beggars in the streets who haven't yet benefited from the redistribution of Indian wealth.

As I went off spitting red into the black night.

Prohibition

I offer a footnote to prohibition in Bombay. It was advocated by Gandhi and it was legalised by Morarji Desai, former Chief Minister of Bombay, to curb alcoholism among the masses who were spending all their pennies on a local hooch distilled from palm leaves.

But of course the bootleggers here are in operation (none imported from America as

yet), the illicit stills are working, and the masses are still not sober.

At midnight on the Bombay sea front I was accosted by a boy carrying a huge basket of coconuts. I told him I hated coconuts and coconut milk. He said: "No milk. In nuts good hooch. Tasty sweeter."

AUTHOR Milton Brown has been explaining in a local newspaper why he has chosen to live in India, not Britain. "India is irresistible. But Britain? Overcrowded. Overgoverned. One has to stand in a long queue before one can even buy oneself a stamp."

Where do I read this? In a suffocatingly overcrowded Bombay post office standing in a long queue to buy myself a stamp.

Collection

I HAVE started a collection as I go round the world of the strange things I see. Not the celebrated wonders of the world like the Taj Mahal. But the sights that are unexpected, unusual, previously unrecorded, and unscheduled by tourist guides.

Like the dark-skinned Pakistan military band outside the barracks on the way to Karachi airport wearing turbans, kilts in what looked like authentic Scots kilts, and playing the bagpipes. A camel looked on slyly and sceptically.

Wash cold

HAZARDS of hotel life. Mainly plumbing. In an hotel which calls itself the Regent Palace in Baghdad an Arab boy brought me morning tea and excused himself for notes, about £20, which had been lying on the dressing-table.

Hauled back, he said blithely: "I think you leave it as tip, boss."

In the same hotel water in my bathroom came from the tap marked cold and cold water from the red tap clearly marked hot.

In the Metropole Hotel, Karachi, both bathroom taps were marked hot and cold, both spouted cold. In the Ambassador Hotel in Bombay hot water came from a temperamental geyser which spluttered and smoked above the bath.

The electrician I sent for said: "Wash cold. It is safer. Sometimes geyser blow up like bomb. Guests damaged." I washed cold.

I left my table in the deserted hotel dining room to answer the telephone. When I came back two scrawny members of the local battalion of the starving cat brigade were up on the table finishing my steak.

As I move on this series will be continued, I'm afraid.

PRICE INDEX. Listing essentials and non-essentials round the world. One LP round of the Broadway musical "My Fair Lady" in Karachi: £5. One bar of soap in Karachi: 5s. One bottle of whisky bought legally on permit in dry Bombay: 25 5s. One bottle of beer: 10s. One packet of wine gums in Bombay: 3s. Also to be continued, I'm afraid.

Tankers of Wine

CONNOISSEURS were delighted at the superb quality of the wines which came out of Valentin Kora's cellars at Geisenheim. His Niederelner Domthal '55 sent wine lovers into raptures.

His second-grade wines, which went out under the ordinary Rhein-Hesse label, were also something to be sipped, drunk and drained, according to the connoisseurs' code.

This week, 43-year-old winemaker Kora astonished the connoisseurs. He was sentenced to two and a half years' hard labour by a Wiesbaden court. He had been found guilty of adulterating wines and using false labels.

Kora's story amazed wine-growers all over Germany. In evidence, he admitted that his "vintage" wines were not the product of Geisenheim.

Kora told how he got around the expensive and laborious process of planting vines and tending them. He explained how he did away with the strenuous back-breaking task of picking and pressing. He described how he bought his grapejuice from abroad, mixed it with water, a little sugar, potato and glycerine, and carefully watched over the fermentation.

Kora sold three million bottles of his delectable product, including 100,000 bottles labelled "Champagne-type". It was delicious, experts told the court.

Kora did not use ordinary tap water to his "vintage" wines. He sent road tankers into the straggling Taunus hills near Frankfurt to collect water from the famous springs.

His wines receive Class A certificates from German government analysts. The Kora trial may lead to a change in German law, which says wine is a drink made from the fermentation from the juice of grapes.

After a bad harvest, vintners may legally use a little artificial aid to nature, but no one knows how far the law allows them to go.

Kora said he would grow mushrooms when he came out of gaol.

POCKET CARTOON

by OSBERT LANCASTER



"If that's going to be what I think it's going to be, the value of house property in this country will be coming down a dam' sight faster than the Vanguard goes up."

The AIR-BIKE

It's on the way...will Britain be first?

● A simple-to-run helicopter can be made for £250 says WILLIAM COURTENAY, O.B.E. He sees in this a new era of travel... and a big chance for Britain.

HOW often, after the limpness of a hot summer day's work, have you stood in your garden and sighed for an evening bathe? How often have you reflected grimly on the traffic-congested miles that separate you from the beach, and abandoned the whole idea?

Well soon there should be no sighing, no yearning.

All you will have to do is to go into the back garden, climb aboard your personal helicopter, and at 80 miles an hour cruise to the blue sea just over the top of the traffic jams.

This may sound the pursuit to match a millionaire's bank balance. It is not.

The type of flying motorcycle I have in mind would cost only about £250.

IN 20 MINUTES

It would take you only 20 minutes to learn to handle it with safety.

There is nothing of the Jules Verne in this idea.

I have seen several of these types under experimental production in the U.S. at the National Aircraft Show (America's "Farnborough") at Ohio 1954 and at Oklahoma 1955.

Some use fuel stored in a bottle almost attached to the pilot's back, and operate through jets at the rotor tips. Others use 44h.p. outboard motors, but all types have only one instrument—an airspeed indicator.

They fly at about 50 miles an hour. They are still experimental but the U.S. Army has ordered a batch of 100 of one type to see what they can do.

In the British Army there is a definite interest in this class of aerial vehicle and top thinking is that it will have a role at battalion and company level as a unit vehicle and as an aerial reconnaissance platform for a commander to "see the other side of the hill."

This assures a future for the "flying motor-bike" in the

British Forces, and in the Commonwealth and Empire Armies. But will they be British "hoppercycles" or American?

Much depends upon whether the British aircraft industry grasps the fact that this is a

vehicle not only with military possibilities, but with an immense commercial future.

For here is a great chance to wipe that depressing word redundancy out of the aircraft industry's vocabulary, and use the skill of its workers to lay the foundations of a properly based firm and sure demand.

We have sold 40,000,000 British cycles round the world in the last 60 years and there is no doubt we could sell 1,000,000 flying motorcycles a year once production begins to flow.

Italy has solved her balance of payments problem with her new small cars and motor-scooters. For Britain the flying motorcycle offers a comparable opportunity.

A TIE-UP

U.S. firms both in California and in New York State told me they hoped to market their little vehicles for £400 once an assembly line was laid down. This means we could sell the "hoppercycle" at £250 or less. The right approach might be a tie-up between one of the big cycle manufacturers in Britain—who could build the light engine and frame—and one of the aircraft firms now facing redundancy problems.

Such a combination would launch a new era of air travel in this land—an era which would bring joy to the millions who will never be able to afford airline fares, and who in any case get no pleasure from flying at 40,000ft. in a pressurized cabin.

But what a delight to take off from the back garden and fly at 250ft. to 500ft. over the rooftops to visit friends; or the golf course.

For the business man it would mean that "commuting" would be possible from a home far beyond the present dormitory suburbs.

FOLLOW ROADS

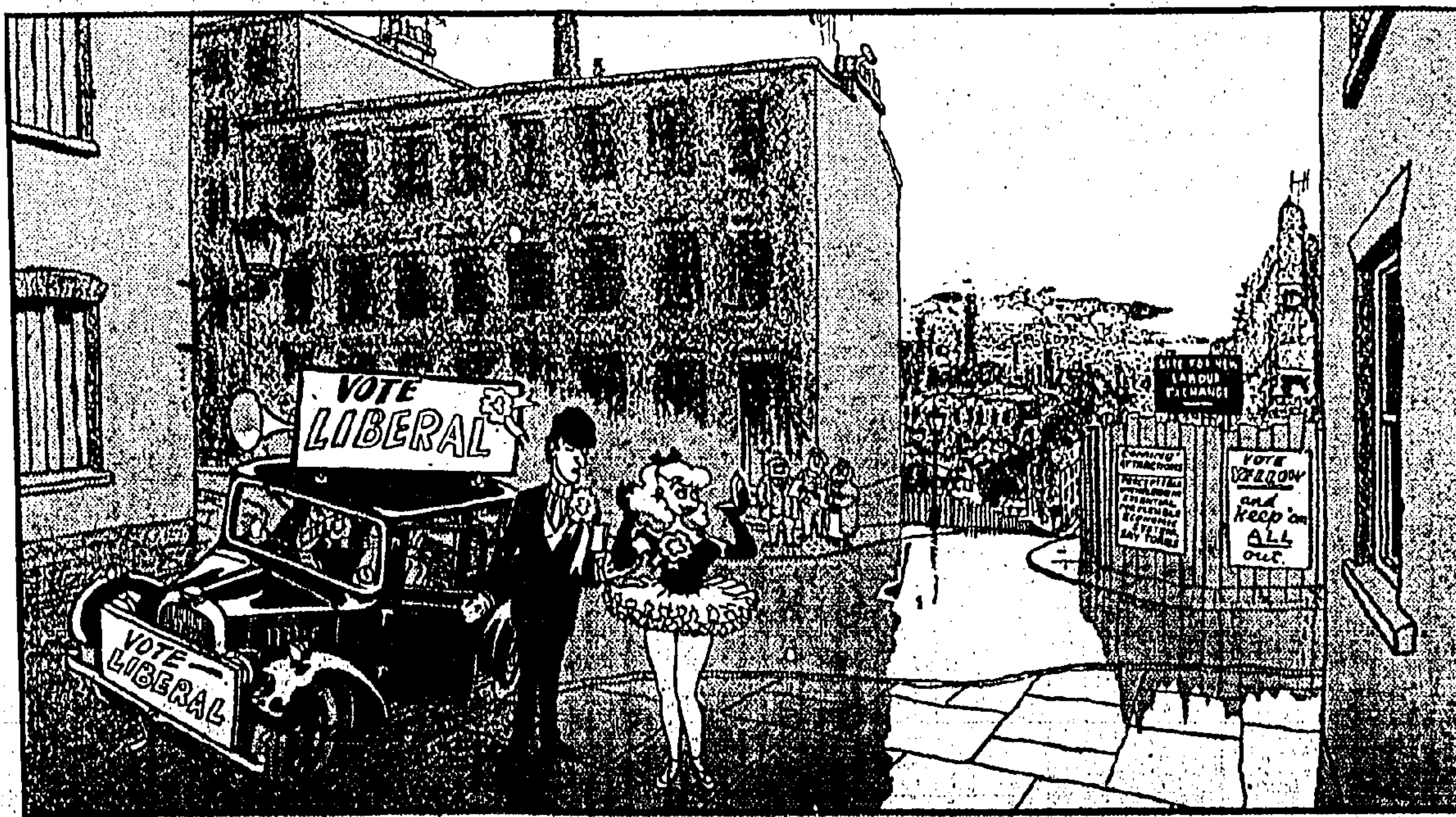
Speeds will rise doubtless to 80 miles an hour, with a range of two hours. No navigation will be required; the "pilot" or driver will simply use a road map and follow the contours of the countryside—"flying by Bradshaw", one pilots use to say when following railway lines in the 'twenties and 'thirties.

Sporting flying will return. Fewer more than 700 of us owned light planes; today there are hardly a dozen private owners in Britain who can fly for the fun of it.

Indeed, the whole freedom of the heavens will be opened in a way beyond the capability of all the lordly, plushy airliners.

But all this depends on one thing. Have we the drive and imagination to tackle this idea and develop a British one-man flying bike?

Which among the sighing manufacturers will be first to sense and see all this—and launch this new venture? Whoever does get in first and provide the people with cheap and reliable transport of this kind will reap a rich reward. The vacuum in the market is crying out to be filled.



"Beauty alone is not enough, darling. Next time someone asks you who you're canvassing for say 'LIBERAL', not 'Don't know'."

ICING BARBADOS
FINE GRANULATED DEMERARA CASTER
GOLDEN SYRUP HALF CUBES
CASTER SOFT BROWN ICING

TAIKOO SUGAR

SOFT BROWN ICING BARBADOS
HALF CUBES MOLASSES
GOLDEN SYRUP FINE GRANULATED ICING
DEMERARA CASTER

REFINED SINCE 1884

BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

THE Ministry of Agriculture, which is studying the question of what to call ice-cream which has no cream in it, is faced with another problem.

An Indian scientist who played his violin in a tobacco plantation every day for two months found that the music encouraged the plants to grow more rapidly. An official of the Ministry is to be sent to Norfolk to play his flute in a field of turnips. The betting in Government circles is that he will grow sick of it before even the most sensitive turnip begins to respond to the noise.

Tra-la-lal

MY prize of two pickled gherkins and a free trip in a tomato freighter from Worthing to Shoreham goes to a spokesman who is reported, in a cutting sent to me, as having said that there is no such thing as coal rationing. "We don't refer to it as rationing. It is the maximum permitted quantity which consumers are permitted to acquire rather than a direct ration in total."

Political jamboree

IT is now obvious that if each political party provides singers and comedians for telelections, the telelectors may spoil their papers by voting for an entertainer instead of a candidate. In any case, it will be difficult to register a vote when the polling booths are obstructed by mannequin parades, choirs roaring popular songs, loudspeaker vans playing soap, bookies laying odds, couples dancing to radio music, auctions of old clothes, tombolas, Scout rallies, and television cameras.

Baby talk overheard

"BOO! I circled the earth with my gadget before you!"
"And boo to you! My gadget goes faster than your silly old thing."

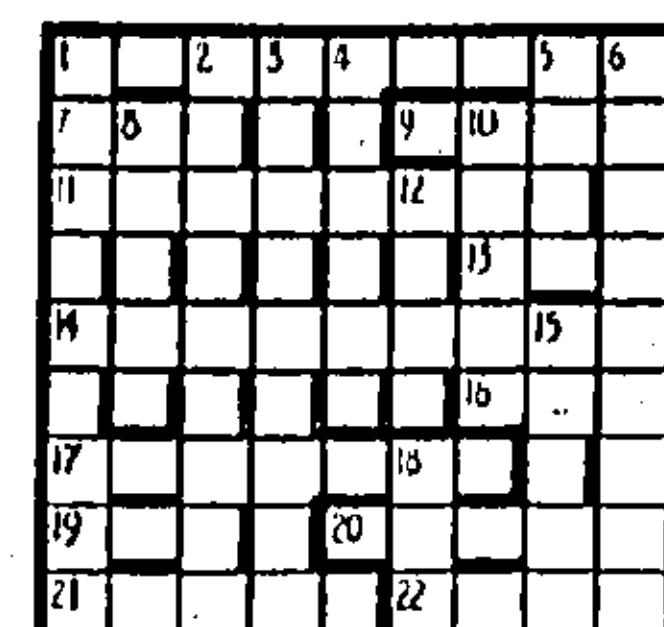
"All right! But my gadget is bigger than yours, so there!"
"Well, anyway, I've got five of them up!"
"Listen to him! Ha-ha-ha! I'll soon have six of them up!"
"And if you do, I'll send a dozen up!"
"Think yourself clever. I suppose!"
"Who's jealous now? Boo!"

Musical note

The difference between intellectual bong-boop and ordinary hoo-hoo lies in the beat of the cross-rhythm.

(Goppy Sledge).

CROSSWORD



Across

1. Handsome qualities. (4, 5)
2. Wicked. (4)
3. Fruit dish. (5, 3)
4. Mountain. (3)
5. Climb. (6)
6. Joke. (3)
7. Humorous. (7)
8. Evil deed. (5)
9. Party. (5)
10. Top people. (5)
11. Hay pile. (4)

Down

1. Museum piece. (5, 4)
2. Timely. (5)
3. Full programme material. (4, 5)
4. Keep down. (3, 3)
5. Canal town. (4)
6. Clown in a. (5)
7. Drug. (6)
8. Eatable. (6)
9. Indian. (5)
10. (temp.) (5)
11. News sub. (5)
12. Neither. (5)
13. (5)

Answers

Across: 1. Handsome qualities. (4, 5)

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JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Small Trump Is Big Card

By OSWALD JACOBY

ACE Gutowsky of Oklahoma City, former Oklahoma All-American and Detroit Lion star, is also quite a bridge player.

In today's hand Ace used the six of trumps to deliver a key block against a vulnerable game. North's jump to three spades was a rock bottom minimum but he felt that two spades was inadequate and any other bid would get his side to game anyway. Actually three no-trump makes because of the spade break but there was no way that North could see this and certainly if game went to be bid four spades looked like the best spot.

West opened the king of hearts and continued the suit after Ace played the nine. Since

NORTH 15		EAST	
♠ A 9 8 7	♠ Q 8 3	♠ 6 4	♠ 2
♥ 9 8	♥ 7 6	♥ 5 4	♥ 3
♦ K Q 7	♦ 6 5 4	♦ 10 8 5 4	♦ 10 5 4
♣ K 10	♣ 9 2	♣ 10 8 5 4	♣ 10 5 4
WEST		SOUTH (D)	
♠ K 10	♠ 9 2	♠ Q 5 3 2	♠ 10 4
♥ A K J 8 7 6	♥ 9 2	♥ Q J 3	♥ A 2
♦ 7 2	♦ A 10 8 5 4	♦ 10 5 4	♦ 10 5 4
♣ J 9 3	♣ 10 8 5 4	♣ 10 5 4	♣ 10 5 4

North and South vulnerable South West North East
1 ♠ 2 ♥ 3 ♠ Pass
4 ♠ Pass Pass Pass
Opening lead—♥ K

dummy's queen of hearts was high at trick three it behooved Ace to trump in. Most players would ruff automatically with the four spot but Ace noted that the six might be a very important card if used right then and there.

Hence he did ruff with the six spot and now declarer had no way to limp home with the contract.

If he failed to overruff he was down automatically so he had to use his jack. Now the king-ten in the West hand became a sure trump trick.

If Ace had ruffed with the four declarer would have been able to overruff with the five and then finesse successfully against West's king.

WILLY GOES UNDERGROUND

—He Decides to Spend the Winter with Blinkie—

By MAX TRELL

IT'S like this every year. Blinkie Mole was saying to Knarf, the Shadow with the Turned - About Name. "The leaves fall off the trees. The evenings get cold. The birds start flying away."

"Oh," said Knarf. "Why is that?"
"It means just one thing," said Blinkie, putting his sunglasses on and looking up into the sky. "Winter's coming."

"What one thing does it mean?" asked Knarf.
"Winter's coming," said Blinkie. "Well, I'd better be going inside. It's getting a bit chilly, don't you think?"

Blinkie was about to go down the steep flight of steps, which led to his rooms under the stump of the Old Apple Tree, when Squire Squirrel, who ran the Maple Tree View Hotel, came walking over.

Knarf and Blinkie greeted him. Squire shook his head. "It's the same thing every year," he started to say in a doleful voice.

"What's your trouble, Squirrel?" asked Blinkie. "My trouble," said Squire, "is that all my boarders are leaving me. The Robins left yesterday. They live on my top branch. The Wrens, who live right under them, left about an hour ago. The Thrushes and Magpies and Swallows, who live in other parts of my hotel, are all leaving within the next day or two."

"That's too bad," said Knarf. "You'll be pretty lonely," said Blinkie. "I will indeed," said Squire. "The only one left in my hotel is a fellow named Owl, who lives in one of the darker rooms in the trunk of the tree, and a person named Chipmunk, who has the basement apartment under the roots. I don't see

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WOMANSENSE



AT LEFT: A creation from the Spring and Summer collection of Carven is designed for afternoon wear. "Noisotte" is in white surah speckled with maroon dots and shows the navy ultra short line.

AT RIGHT: Maggy Rouff calls a Capri blue woolen coat "Zono Blue". A feature is the unusual button placing.



YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

FRIDAY, MARCH 7

BORN today, the stars have given you exceptional talents, but you are lacking in the self-confidence which helps to turn your talents into great success. You have high ambitions and would like nothing better than to be a great success. You are willing to work hard for what you want but sometimes hesitate at the very moment of success and fail to take advantage of an opportunity which is offered unexpectedly. You are a little over-ambitious and you are not quite adequate to the challenge. Avoid this attitude, even if you do occasionally take on unrealistic risks. The chances are that you will succeed for better than you think. Then, once having won, you will dare to risk more another time. And return to your confidence in yourself is restored.

Although essentially artistic you are still quite practical and do enjoy the substantial things of life. You are not one to starve your little for your art. You will find another more practical way to make a living—and then, when you have

economic security, go back to the arts and sciences which you may have temporarily left.

You have an exceptionally kindly and sympathetic nature, and since you are somewhat sensitive yourself, you treat others the way you would like to be treated. You women tend to be a little trusting when it comes to love and romance. You may have a little disappointment before you finally discover and wed the "one and only". But when that time comes, you should find exceptional happiness.

Among those born on this date were: Luther Burbank, horticulturist; Antoine Bequerel, French physicist; Francis Jackson, reformer; Richard M. Uppjohn, architect and author; Ben Ames Williams, author, and Henry Druzer, scientist.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

SATURDAY, MARCH 8

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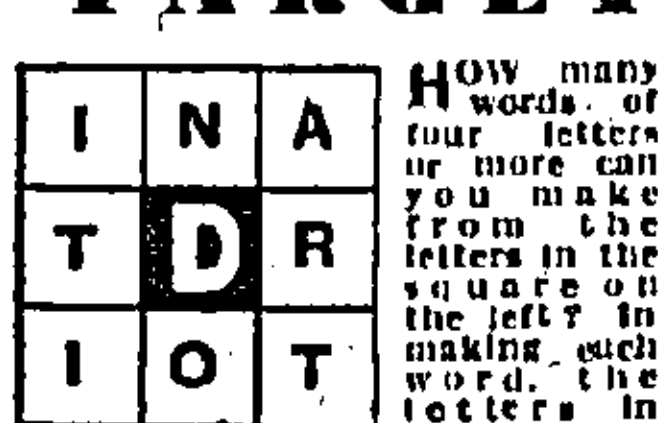
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TARGET



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small squares may be used only once. Each word must contain the large letter in the centre square, and there must be at least one non-letter word in the list. No proper names. TODAY'S TARGET is a word of 10 letters, very good. 29 words, excellent. Solution tomorrow.

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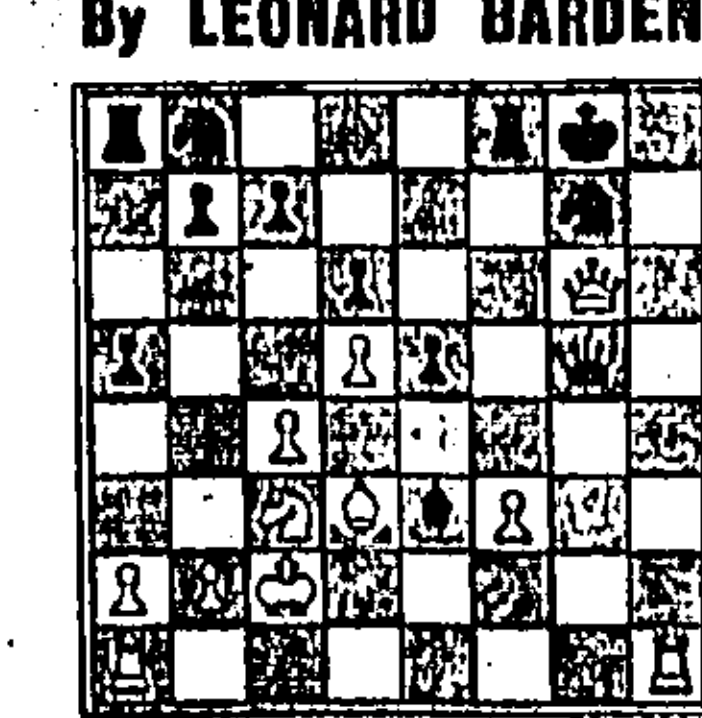
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By LEONARD BARDEN



From actual play; White to move and win.

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poration will be held at the
Head Office of the Cor-
poration, 1 Queen's Road Central,
Hong Kong, on Friday, the
14th day of March, 1958, at
Noon for the purpose of
receiving and considering
the reports of the Directors
and of the Auditors and the
Profit and Loss Account and
Balance Sheet for the year
ended 31st December, 1957,
and for the election of Direc-
tors and the appointment of
Auditors.

THE REGISTER OF
SHARES of the Corporation
will be closed from Friday,
the 28th day of February to
14th day of March, 1958,
(both days inclusive) during
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By Order of the Board,
MICHAEL V. TURNER,
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Hongkong, 10th Jan., 1958.

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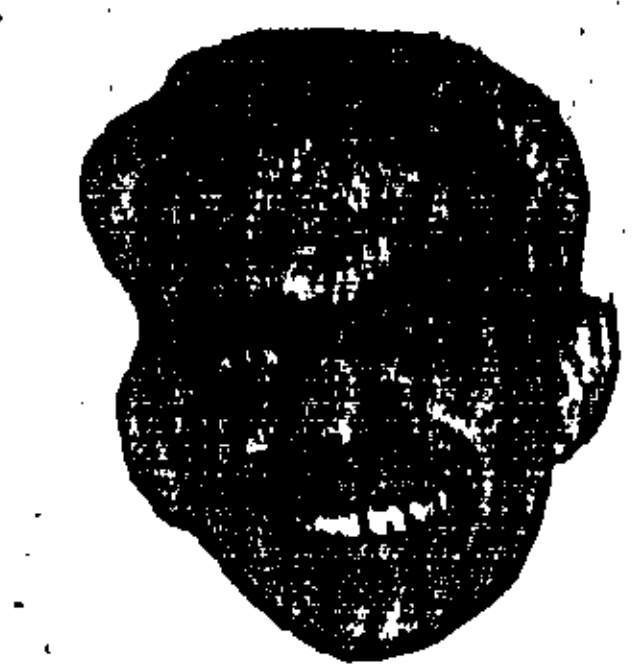
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Pastor's 'Arbories' Will Soon Be In Colony



The Rev. Harold de Mel

Canterbury.
"HENRY MOORE in a tree" is coming to
Hongkong after exhibitions in London,
Paris, Germany and possibly New York.

What is the famous sculptor doing in a tree? I'll tell
you:

The Rev. Harold de Mel, from Kandy, Ceylon, has a
hobby: cutting lifelike sections out of branches and roots
of trees and shrubs, carving, chipping and adding where
necessary, and then polishing up the final creation with
varnish or linseed oil.

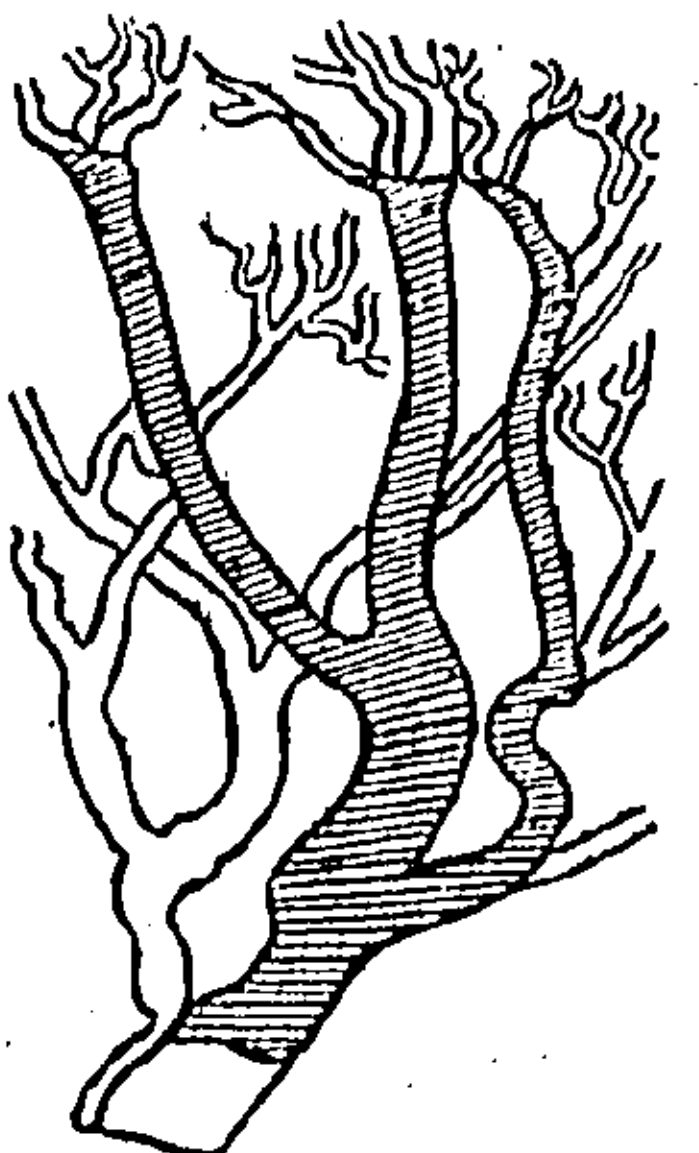
They bear a striking resemblance to modernistic sculptures by men like Henry
Moore. Yet "arbories" — the word Mr de Mel has coined to describe his work —
is one of the oldest forms of art known to mankind. Possibly it has stone age origins.
Cavemen fathers using crude flint knives might have fashioned dolls and animal toys
for their children this way. But it is enjoying a revival today which has surprised
even the revivalists.

When Mr de Mel, the principal
of a teacher training college in
Ceylon, came to Canterbury
recently to pursue his studies in
theology, he brought a portable
collection of his models for local
exhibitions. He hoped also to
take a display to Europe but
nothing then was definite.

Is It Art?

Not long after his arrival he
added London and Paris to his
itinerary. The BBC televised
his show. He got write-ups
in newspapers. New York be-
came interested and prominent
artists began debating—"Is it
art?"

Harold de Mel says that
whether it is art or not there is
an art in finding the right roots,
twigs and branches which eventu-
ally become "arbories." It
needs, for example, an imagina-
tive and disciplined eye to see
Methuselah, upside down.
Furthermore, in a twig with one
distorted branch (see diagram).
He calls it Nature's Art, but
if art pre-supposes the use of
human skill as opposed to the
fashioning hand of Nature, the
true artist is Mr de Mel himself
who in addition to seeing like-
nesses in the branches of trees,
adds, to or adapts the basic
branch or root configurations.



The shaded area is a lifelike
figure—in this case, Methusa-
lah—cut out of a group of
branches. To see the completed
"Arbories" turn it upside down.

He has about 200 models rang-
ing from a root bigger than a
man down to six-inch twigs.
He has produced an elephant's
head, a traffic policeman, and a
wood nymph. His students have
contributed others: a Kangaroo,
a snake, a brontosaurus, an

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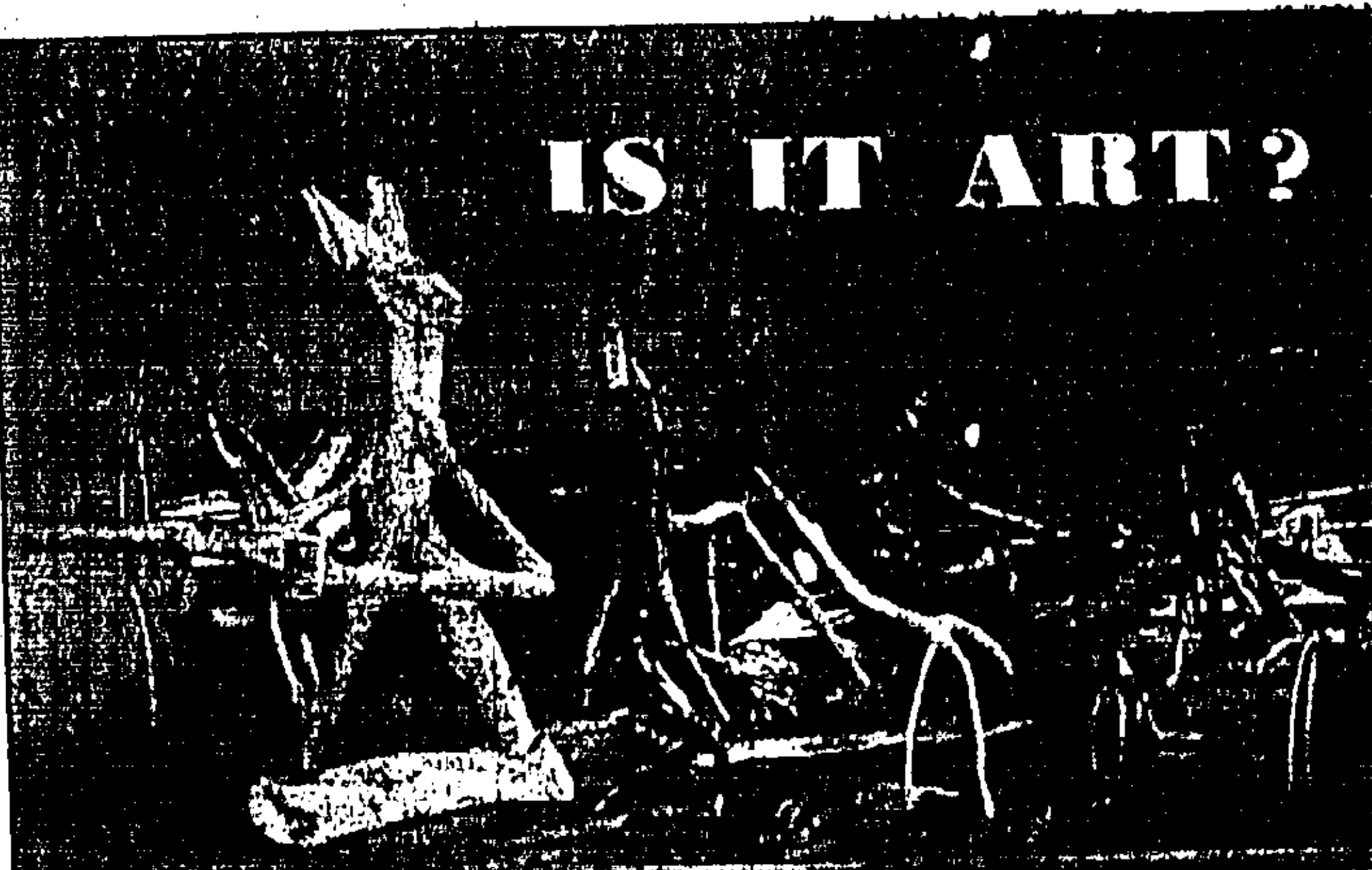
antelope, Siamese twins, a nude,
a soldier with his rifle at the
ready, a tortoise, a lizard and
various kinds of birds. Some
can be seen in the accompa-
nying pictures.

They used branches or roots
from a variety of indigenous
trees, but "arbories" can be
made from any species of tree
or shrub.
The idea was reborn about
two years ago when a student
presented Mr de Mel with a
model of a dancing girl made of
a single twisted twig with two
or three branches. Before giving
it to his principal, the student
had exhibited it to friends as
"modern art" but no one was
interested.

Personalities

Mr de Mel decided to use the
idea however. He felt it provid-
ing an opportunity to exhibit the
personalities of his students.
The search for "arbories" would
show to some extent how much
creative imagination they
possessed.
With the finished models, Mr
de Mel decided to hold ex-
hibitions to raise funds for his
school.

When I called at his study
at St Augustine's College,
Canterbury, he asked if Hong-
kong would be interested in an
exhibition. On behalf of the
Colony I said, yes. "Then I'll get
in touch with the British Council
when I return to Colombo and



IS IT ART?

get them to send a selection to
your Colony," he said.

So eventually they are coming
to Hongkong. A large parcel
will end up on Miss Janet
Tombing's desk at the British
Council offices in the Gloucester
Building.

The collection is uninsured but
is priceless, according to Mr
de Mel. "I would not sell them
for £1,000, though of course
their intrinsic value is nothing
like that. People have asked
me to sell them but I do not
want to."

This is an art which anyone
can develop—always provided
they can see the model in its
undeveloped state. Then, of
course it is generally upside
down, the legs being branches,
or it is a root partly concealed in
the ground.

His Advice

Mr de Mel does not advocate
wantonly chopping down healthy
trees to make "arbories." But
to those who want to try it,
he gives this advice:

- ★ Too much carving can spoil
the model, but some carving
or shaping is necessary;
- ★ The most useful twigs are
found in low shrubs that
have been constantly pruned;

Never uproot a tree or
plant; there are plenty of
broken branches that will do.

★ Always work in a group
and before doing anything
to the root or branch selected
discuss your ideas with the
group and find out their ideas.

One of the strongest points of
this work is that although a
completed "arbory" looks like
modern art, it is generally
never to live, than a modern
painting or sculpture. So you

can quite easily recognise what it
represents. This also makes
searching easier. And also it
is felt that "arbories" will help
people to a better appreciation
of the creations of Moore,
Picasso and artists like them.

But Mr de Mel thinks they
will be most popular as simple,
cheap and easily-made house-
hold decorations which any Boy
Scout group or Girl Guide
association could produce in quality,
provided that they have one or
two with an eye for "arbories."

STAR FERRY PROFITS UP

(Continued from page 10)

pleasure, but I have also enjoy-
ed reading the written word
and the written figure. Perhaps
I should have enjoyed them
more if, to mark this 50th mile-
stone, and another record year
of passenger service, the
directors had seen fit to increase
the dividend! However, I ob-
serve that our 50th birthday
does not actually occur until St
George's Day so I leave this
thought to the board for con-
sideration in connection with
the next interim dividend.

"The company's record of
passenger service is certainly remark-
able and I can see no reason for
any recession when we consider
the Colony's steady industrial
commercial and tourist growth.
I wonder if we could have a
graph showing various aspects
of the company's development,
published in our next picture
book? It would be interesting
and instructive."

"A good deal has been written
about the new piers and the
long walk to the ferry boats
and it has been suggested that
in view of the shorter distance
involved in the harbour crossing
the fares should be reduced, but
it is not an unpleasant walk
especially for those who enjoy
going up and down hills. I feel
quite certain that the good
citizens of the Colony will soon
get accustomed to it."

Astonished

"I was astonished to see in
the papers today that Govern-
ment appears to have decided
to build a subway under Con-
stant Road and that the
estimated sum of \$1,000,000 has
been allocated in the draft esti-
mates for this purpose. Ob-
viously a bridge or a tunnel is
needed in order to avoid the
constant check by pedestrians to
the flow of vehicular traffic with
ferries leaving every 2-6 minutes
at peak periods. I note, how-
ever, that the Hon. Financial
Secretary already has his doubts
as to the reaction of the Hong-
kong public to a subway to
have it. The roof of the covered
way, already constructed, would
appear to provide a very fair
argument in favour of a bridge
instead of a subway. It is wide
enough and I feel sure it could
be strengthened, if necessary,
and furthermore it would al-
leviate the mounting concern
of the pier itself, to which I have
already referred. I am sure I
speak for most of our 37,000,000
customers."

"The pictures in our book also
conjure up nostalgic memories of
these spacious and more leisurely
days of topees and walking
sticks, white suits and stiff
collars, masked roofs and rick-
shaws, and the smell of smoke
and petrol to indicate the means
of propulsion.

"But these days are inevitably
gone. What is not gone, how-
ever, is the efficiency and
courtesy of the Star Ferry
service, and I am sure all share-
holders approve the building of
quarters for our hardworking
staff even though it did involve
borrowing money."

"The Chairman's statement
gives a concise report on the
company's affairs on which I
have no comment to make, and
in according the adoption of the
report and accounts I would
like to express the thanks of the
shareholders to the office, pier

DITTMANN'S

LEAVE

HONGKONG

Dr. Herbert Dittmann,

German Consul-General,

who has been promoted

Under-Secretary of State

at the Foreign Office,

accompanied by Mrs. Ditt-
mann left by Air France

this morning.

Dr. Dittmann will be succeeded

by Dr. Otto Bräutigam, a

specialist on trade with Com-
munist countries, who will

arrive here in April or May.

Dr. Bräutigam's deputy, Consul

Horst Farnsworth, is due

here in three or four weeks

time.

Dr. and Mrs. Dittmann were

seen off at Queen's Pier by more

than 150 members of the Ger-
man consulate and community

members of the Consular Corps.
Chinese members of Sino-
German Cultural Association
and many prominent residents
in the Colony.

Among them were Mr. and
Mrs. A. E. di Gropello, Mr. and
Mrs. B. P. Adair, Mr. and
Mrs. O. Tavaras, Mr. G. Raoul-
Duval, Mr. Yoshimatsu Ando, Mr.
Kang Choon-hee, Mr. W. J.
Cator, Mr. Angel Vega Mendez,
Mr. and Mrs. Georges Bohman,
Mr. and Mrs. Chalcott-Lannan, Mr.
and Mrs. Josef Horn, the Hon.
T. N. Chau, the Hon. Ngan
Shing-kwan, the Hon. Kwok
Chan and many others.

The couple accompanied by

Mr. Ulrich Roth, Acting Ger-
man Consul-General, and Mrs.
Roth boarded the R.A.S. at
Queen's Pier for Kai Tak where they
took the plane.

Suspects Detained

Four Chinese, including a

woman, were arrested by the

Police yesterday on suspicion of

being involved in the theft of a gold

finger-ring from a girl sleeping

in a bus in Homantin Market.

Frenchman Teaches Brazilian Wives How To Cook Fish

Rio de Janeiro, Mar. 6.

A retired French diplomat is teaching Rio house-
wives, and one military policeman, new ways
with fish.

MAIL

FRIDAY, MARCH 7

By Air

Formosa, 6 p.m.

Thailand, India, Pakistan, Middle

East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe,

U.S.A., Canada, 9 p.m.

Hawaii, 6 p.m.

By Surface

North Borneo, 3 p.m.

Burma, India, 3 p.m.

Macao, 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 8

By Air

Peking, Shanghai, Hankow, Hoi-

chow, Kanton, 9.30 a.m.

Japan, 9 a.m.

Thailand, Malaya, N. Borneo, New

Zeland, 10 a.m.

Philippines, Noon.

London, France, Noon.

Thailand, India, Middle East,

Africa, Great Britain & Europe,

6 p.m.

Indo-China, Malaya, Indonesia,

Amoy, Hong Kong, 9 p.m.

Formosa, Japan, Okinawa, 9 p.m.

By Surface

North Borneo, 3 p.m.

Burma, India, 3 p.m.

Macao, 6 p.m.

Different Ways

"In Europe," he said, "there
are over 300 different ways of
preparing sardines, but in
Brazil, only a very few recipes
are used. I propose to teach
you some of the European
recipes and many of my own
invention."

Assent Given

Ordinances

His Excellency the Governor

has given his assent, in the
name and on behalf of Her
Majesty the Queen, to the
following Ordinances passed by
the Legislative Council, the
Government Gazette announced
today.

An Ordinance to amend the

Inland Revenue Ordinance,
Chapter 112; An Ordinance to

authorize a supplementary ap-
propriation to defray the

charges of the financial year
ended March 31, 1957.

Her Majesty the Queen has
not been advised to exercise her
power of disallowance in re-
spect of an Ordinance to fur-
ther amend the Town Planning
Ordinance, Chapter 151.

Tools Stolen

A set of tools was stolen from

the foot of a private car parked
on the Central Reclamation.

China Mail Entertainment Guide

WHAT'S ON TONIGHT

KING'S & PRINCESS: "And God Created Woman."

Brigitte Bardot in a French picture of a woman
indiscriminately seeking a bed-mate.

STAR & METROPOLE: "Gulliver's Travels." A

full length cartoon.

LEE & ASTOR: "The Deep Six." Alan Ladd in a

war adventure.

ROXY & BROADWAY: "Peyton Place." Lana

Turner and Hope Lange in a strong small town
drama.

HOOVER & LIBERTY: "The Pride And The

Passion." Cary Grant, Frank Sinatra and
Sophia Loren in a technicolor drama.

QUEEN'S: "The Oklahoman." Joel McCrea in a

western.

ALHAMBRA: "One Night At Moulin Rouge." A

French musical.

ORIENTAL & MAJESTIC: "The Enemy Below."

Robert Mitchum and Curt Jurgens in a duel to
the death at sea.

CAPITOL: "Omar Khayyam." Cornel Wilde and

Michael Rennie in Hollywood's version of the life
of a great poet.

RITZ: "Enemy From Space." Brian Don' ry in a
science fiction film.

Audio And Visual

Entertainment

RADIO HONGKONG

5.30, Asian Club; 6, Time Signal.

Popularity Poll, presented by Ted

Thomas; 6.30, Junior Party; 7, 30

minutes for teenagers introduced by

Deborah Hubbard; 6.55, Weather

Report; 7, Time Signal; The News;

7.10, Commentary; 7.15, Informa-

tion; 7.20, News; 7.25, The News;

7.30, Commentary; 7.35, Informa-

tion; 7.40, News; 7.45, The News;

7.50, Commentary; 7.55, Informa-

tion; 8, News; 8.05, The News;

8.10, Commentary; 8.15, Informa-

tion; 8.20, News; 8.25, The News;

8.30, Commentary; 8.35, Informa-

tion; 8.40, News; 8.45, The News;

8.50, Commentary; 8.55, Informa-

tion; 9, News; 9.05, The News;

9.10, Commentary; 9.15, Informa-

tion; 9.20, News; 9.25, The News;

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CAT AND MOUSE

The most fantastic spy story of the war



FIELD-MARSHAL ROMMEL took the hand of the German Army, Herr Field Marshal, you will find me waiting for you.

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STAR FERRY PROFITS UP

Carried 37.5 Million Passengers Last Year

Vessels of the Star Ferry Co., Ltd. made more than quarter of a million crossings; carried about 37.5 million passengers across the harbour; and earned for the company a profit of about \$1.25 million, as against \$1.19 million the year previously, in the 12 months ending December 31, 1957.

Mr H. D. M. Barton, Chairman of the Board of Directors, who revealed these achievements at the annual meeting of the company held this morning at the boardroom of Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., also said in his report that since the end of the war, the company spent nearly \$15 million on re-construction of war-damaged crafts and building of new ferries.

The company declared a final dividend of \$5.50 per share in addition to the interim dividend of \$3.50 paid last August.

Chairman's Statement

The Chairman's statement said: "Although this is only our 50th yearly meeting, in a few weeks' time, on April 23 next, this company will have been established for exactly 50 years. No meetings could be held, of course, during the occupation of the Colony in the last war.

"In the period of our existence vast changes have taken place in this Colony and I think that we can claim to have played some part in the remarkable development that has occurred.

"Unfortunately most of our pre-war records were destroyed during the occupation period and it is not possible to give accurate statistics, but from the material which is available, certain facts can be put before you. It is estimated that, in these early days of our operations, the number of passengers carried in a month was under 40,000, about one-third of the number we now carry in one day. Kowloon was then largely virgin territory but development must have been steady as within ten years of the commencement of our service the traffic had doubled and in fact, in twenty years it was over ten times that carried in 1908.

"At the outset the company was building new craft and in 1901 two new vessels, 'double-enders' as they were then described, were built at a cost of \$35,000.00 each. Today our modern 'double-enders' cost over \$1,500,000.00 each.

"But such expansion as took place before the last war, although remarkable in itself, is in no way comparable with the growth since 1946. In the

first 12 months of our operations after the re-occupation of the Colony, we carried 16,735,000 passengers, while last year the total was 37,593,000, an increase of 20,858,000 or 124%. The increase has been steady over the eleven years and while one cannot forecast future expansion, it was imperative that facilities should be provided in launches and in new terminals, which could cope with any further comparable increase in the passenger load.

"Since the war ended we have spent on re-construction of war-damaged craft or on new building a total of \$13,300,000.00 and this amount will be increased by a further \$1,000,000.00 when we plan to build another new vessel. The total of \$14,300,000.00 is in marked contrast to the value of the fleet taken over when the company was formed, the first balance sheet containing the figure of \$73,455.00.

Traffic

"During 1957 the traffic was interrupted in July for a matter of two hours and in September for some 12 hours due to typhoon conditions.

Again there was an increase over the previous year, the relative figures being: 1957 37,593,591 passengers carried; 1956 30,374,190; increase 1,219,401.

"The increase was more marked from July onwards and in December we had a record month when the average daily load was 124,769 persons and reached on one day 147,450.

Our ferries made 130,397 crossings of the harbour during the year without mishap and I am sure that I express your feelings when I tender thanks to all members of our staff for the efficient manner in which they have carried out their duties during the year. During the peak rush periods, morning and evening, ferries are now departing every 2.6 minutes, and the traffic reaches a top load of 13,700 passengers per hour, 78% being carried to the Island in the morning and to Kowloon in the evening.

Piers

"The first half of the new Government pier in Kowloon came into operation on March 17, 1957, and the equivalent section of the Hongkong pier is due to be completed in June next.

"From these new terminals the handling of the rush hour crowds has been greatly simplified and the traffic flow improved.

"Published with this statement are some photographs of the three Hongkong piers from which we have operated since our incorporation and they reflect the expansion of the passenger traffic to which I have already referred.

"It is expected that the Kowloon pier will be completed by June next.

Fleet

"I mentioned in my statement last year that orders have been placed for another two launches. These vessels have been completed and will replace two of the old steam driven ferries which are now over 30 years old. To complete the replacement programme of our fleet, which will then consist of eight modern diesel engine craft, the building of one more vessel, originally planned for 1959, has been postponed until 1959.

Staff Quarters

"In December last we completed, at a cost of \$127,848, the building of 50 three-roomed flats for our Chinese employees. These were occupied on 1st January and some 80 employees and 300 dependants have been housed with housing at a premium in the Colony. I am glad that we have been able to provide this amenity for some of our more senior employees and I can assure members that it is greatly appreciated by the staff.

"Our earnings again showed an increase and the 'Working Account' receipts were up by \$134,000 compared with 1956.

But this sum was largely offset by the rise in fuel oil costs and adjustments in wages for our crews, with the result that the balance of the Working Account carried to Profit and Loss Account was only some \$24,000 higher than last year. I would mention that the price of fuel oil, which is a major item in our working expenses, has increased by over 20% since 1954.

"In the Profit and Loss Account, there is nothing that calls for comment by me. The results are satisfactory, the net profit showing an increase of \$2,330.13 compared with 1956. Your board recommend that the usual final dividend of \$5.50 share be paid, making a total of \$9 for the year. They further recommend a transfer to Re-construction Reserve of \$400,000 and a provision of \$88,818 for Profits Tax, leaving a balance of \$484,516.78 to be carried forward to next year's account. All these proposals are incorporated in the accounts now presented and I trust that they meet with your approval.

"Turning to the balance sheet, you will see that Shareholders' Funds have increased by \$474,280.69.

"We had to meet exceptionally heavy Capital Expenditure during the year, on the construction of new vessels and the staff quarters, and the accounts for the Current Liability of \$2,250,000 which was borrowed to finance this development programme.

"The commitments noted on the balance sheet include the cost of the propulsion machinery for the new ferry which we intend to build early in 1959.

Conclusion

"There is only one other matter I should like to mention. The Star Ferry Club has been a landmark in Hongkong for many years. The fine new club which has been installed in the new Hongkong pier was presented by a former chairman of the club, Mr. John K. Kowloon, and I should like to tender on behalf of the company and our many patrons our thanks for this generous gift.

Shareholder's Speech

In seconding the adoption of the report and accounts Mr. H. Owen-Hughes said: "Since the days of my childhood I have always enjoyed picture books, especially those with pictures of motor cars and boats. The publication which contains our annual report and accounts not only gratifies my latent childishness (Contd. on page 8, col. 6)

PREMISES EXEMPTED

The Government Gazette today announced that the following premises have been exempted from further application of the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance, subject to the stated conditions:

Nos. 36 and 38, Elgin Street, Hongkong; Nos. 200 to 210, Temple Street, Kowloon; Nos. 71, 73 and 75 Shan Tung Street, Kowloon; Nos. 230 and 232, Sai Yeung Choi Street, Kowloon; and Nos. 20, 22, 24 and 26 Argyle Street, Kowloon.

Recognition Of Consuls

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to recognise, provisionally and pending instructions from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, Mr. Paul H. Kreisberg and Mr. Edwin H. Moot Jr. as Consuls for the United States of America, in Hongkong. It was announced in today's Government Gazette.

Mr. Wataru Owada has also been provisionally recognised as Consul for Japan.

Dr. Ermanno D'Alessandro has been appointed Italian Assistant Trade Commissioner. It was also announced.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Thanks to your auto accident, J.B., you're going to get the rest I've been ordering you to take for the last five years!"

ENJOYABLE RECITAL BY THE HONGKONG SINGERS

By R. A. BONES

After a month in which there has been less than average activity in our musical world, March has come in with a roar. Last night saw the third concert in a week given in aid of the Hongkong Musical Training Centre for the Blind; the repeat of this tonight in the Wah Yan College, Kowloon, will be the fourth.

It is probably for this reason that the concert last night given by the Hongkong Singers conducted by Dr. L. T. Rido was not well attended. This was a great pity for the Singers and the cause for which they were singing deserve the fullest support.

The standard of performance was high on the whole and, if I had not heard this choir on many previous occasions, I would have said that an exceedingly high standard was attained. However, I understand that they have been having their troubles with the present wave of colds and influenza causing absences at rehearsals and this showed in that the final polish of some of the items was not as high as we have come to expect from them.

MENDELSSOHN

The first half of the concert was taken up with a performance of the choral movement of Mendelssohn's 'Elysium of Fraunce'. In the opening chorus 'All Men, All Things', the choir seemed to be straining and singing rather as individuals instead of as a team. The result was that the tone was not round and mellow and the music did not flow but rather was pushed out.

This was only a passing phase and by the time they had reached 'Let All Men Praise The Lord' equilibrium had been restored and a well balanced, nicely blended performance was given.

The solo parts were sung by Hilda Carr (Soprano), Maureen

GEORGE DYSON

The 'Three Songs of Courage' by George Dyson was musically the best item in the concert. This work is based on three poems by John Bunyan, John Keats, and A. E. Houseman. This work seemed to suit the choir well and they produced a full and effortless tone in their very best tradition.

The last item was a setting by George Dyson of a poem by William Dunbar and was entitled 'In Honour of a City'. The words are in praise of the City of London 'thou art the flower of Cities all'. Again in striving to produce a grand 'grandioso' I thought the choir were giving a trifle too hard and the tone was not sufficiently relaxed, but otherwise this was a most worthwhile and interesting performance.

Throughout the piano continuo was played by Robert Bell, who achieved a most competent performance with a good balance between leading and accompanying. Once or twice when accompanying soloists, Mr. Bell was slightly overpowered and could well have been a little more restrained.

Taken all round though this was a very enjoyable recital with an interesting and varied programme, the second performance tonight should be even better and will be well worth going to.

MAN KNIFED HIS FRIEND IN THE 'HEAT OF ANGER'

—COURT TOLD

Chan Ming, 38-year-old unemployed, told a Jury trying him for alleged murder this morning that he knifed his friend "in the heat of anger" in the course of a fight.

Chan was testifying on his own behalf before Mr Justice J. R. Gregg at the Criminal Sessions.

He was accused of fatally stabbing Hui Hing-wing, a workshop foreman, on December 17, following a quarrel in a workshop yard at Smithfield, Kennedy Town. Hui died five days later from a chest wound.

Mr Richard Winter is defending Chan, instructed by Wilkinsons and Grist. Mr Simon T. J. Crown Counsel, is prosecuting, assisted by Det. Inspector J. W. Currie.

SAME VILLAGE

Chan gave evidence that he knew the deceased well. They were from the same Chiu Chow village. Before he came to Hongkong, Chan was still on friendly terms with the deceased following their arrival in the Colony.

On December 17, Chan continued, he went to Smithfield to see Hui about 5 or 6 p.m. He met Hui out in the road and asked if he had any clothes to spare.

Hui replied that he had none, and that even if he had, the clothes would not fit him. They then walked towards the tinfol workshop of which Hui was foreman.

On arrival at the workshop, the accused went on, he saw that there were a number of folks inside. He didn't speak to any of them. Hui turned and told him, "Don't you dare come in. Even rascals and bad characters would not dare to ask me for money."

RETURNED

Chan said Hui appeared to be angry. He left the workshop and returned the following day at about 1 p.m.

He again met Hui in the road, about 30 paces from the workshop. The two walked together towards the workshop. He asked Hui why he had made the remark about rascals and bad characters the previous day.

Accused said Hui replied: "You are just out to get money from me." He reminded Hui that he had received money from him in the village. Hui stated that he (accused) had once asked him for \$12 and that was enough.

When they arrived at the workshop, an argument started. The deceased told him, "Don't you follow me inside today. If you do I shall ask my folks to beat you up."

FOLLOWED

Chan said he followed Hui in, saying "I don't believe you. I am going in to see if you will carry out your threat."

Hui cried out to his folks to beat him up, the accused went on. He struck Hui at random with his fist. Some of Hui's folks started to throw pieces of wood at him.

He and Hui then fought. Being the stronger of the two, Chan said, he managed to pin Hui's arms from behind. As he did so, Hui tried to pick up a knife from a large stone in front of him, but he wrested the knife away from Hui.

The struggle took place very quickly, the accused went on. As soon as he got hold of the knife, he stabbed Hui's arm.

INTENDED

"It was done in the heat of anger," he asserted. "After this, I stabbed him again, intending to hurt him only on the arm or hand."

Chan added: "At the time I was not quite myself. I could not think properly."

Accused said that when the deceased shouted out to his folks to stop him, he ran away. Hearing is proceeding.

Firm Dissolved

The name of Ralli Brothers (Far East) Ltd. has been struck off the register and the company dissolved. It was notified in the Government Gazette today.

Registration Licensing Of Vehicles

Various Plates For Cars

The Governor in Council has made the Road Traffic (Registration and Licensing of Vehicles) (Amendment) Regulations, 1958, which shall come into force on April 1, it was announced in the Government Gazette today.

Regulations 2 and 6 impose the requirement that the registration marks shall be displayed on taxis and on public cars on plates of the same dimensions as those at present used on private cars and goods vehicles with white letters on a black background, and in addition that each taxi and public car shall display on the front and on the back thereof a plate showing the type of vehicle and the seating accommodation for passengers—in the case of a taxi in white on a green surface and in the case of a public car in white on a red surface.

By paragraph (2) of regulation 1, the registration marks as at present displayed on private cars which are registered at the date of coming into operation of these regulations, on plates of the former dimension for a period of one year from the date of coming into operation of these regulations.

By regulations 4 and 5 a motor vehicle used solely on Lantau may be licensed for that purpose only on payment of one quarter of the normal licensing fee.

The opportunity has been taken by regulation 3 to provide that appeals from decisions of the Commissioner of Police to the Governor in Council shall be by petition.

Government Appointments Gazetted

The following appointments, postings, transfers and promotions in the various Government Departments were announced in today's Government Gazette:

Medical

Dr R. E. Alvarez, pathologist, appointed a Specialist (Government Pathologist). The appointment is to take effect on April 1, 1958.

Police

Sub-Inspector Sze Che-yun promoted to Assistant Superintendent of Police.

Legal

Mr Heenan, Senior Crown Counsel, ceased to act as Solicitor General on resumption of duty by Mr A. H. Hooton.

Defence Force

Mr Henry Chung Hung-chun and Mr R. Buttrill, D.F.C., as Flying Officers in the Hongkong Auxiliary Air Force.

Lieutenant R. G. Colman, Force Headquarters, has been promoted to the rank of Captain in the Defence Force Reserve of Officers.

Woman Injured

A 39-year-old woman, Lau Wai-tong, living at an unnumbered hut in Fuk Chuei Street, was seriously injured when she was knocked down by a commercial van yesterday. She was taken to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital for treatment.